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Connecticut

THE

PUBLIC RECORDS

OF THE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

From October, 1776, to February, 1778, inclusive,

WITH THE JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY FROM OCTOBER 11, 1776, TO MAY 6, 1778, INCLUSIVE,

AND

AN APPENDIX.

PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BY CHARLES J. HOADLY, LL.D.,
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PREFACE.

Upon the motion of the Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution, the General Assembly passed the following resolution authorizing the publication of State Records:

Resolved by this Assembly: That Charles J. Hoadly of Hartford be authorized to continue the publication of state records, together with the journal of the Council of Safety, and any other state documents or other official papers connected with the history of Connecticut from 1776 to 1789, inclusive; and the secretary of state is hereby requested to furnish all needed assistance and co-operation for the speedy completion of the work.

Approved, February 23, 1893.

It was time that something should be done, for the first volume of the State Records and the first volume of the Journal of the Council of Safety are in bad condition, some of the leaves being loose, frayed, and broken Fortunately it has been possible to restore the text in every instance where the record is defective through age and wear.

This publication contains about one half of the first manuscript volume of the *Records of the State of Connecticut*, and all of the first volume of the Journal of the Council of Safety which was not printed in the fifteenth volume of *Colonial Records of Connecticut.*

The journal of the Governor and Council, as distinguished from that of the Council of Safety, is supposed to be lost. Entries of the appointment of two sheriffs by them are printed on pages 81 and 153.

It is not known that the journals either of the Upper or of the Lower House of the General Assembly for the period covered by this volume are in existence.

As the public records of the State continued to be kept by the same Secretary, so they were kept in the same manner as those of the Colony had been. Each of the manuscript volumes of the Colonial records is paged con-

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tinuously from its beginning to its end, while in the State records each session has its own pagination. In this publication I have not thought it necessary to indicate the pages of the manuscript record, as was done in printing the Colonial records.

I have not closely followed capitalization or punctuation: neither did the Secretary do so in making up his records from the originals. I have not regarded it desirable to reproduce abbreviations in every case where they occurred, but have made none which was not in the MSS. In some few instances I have ventured to correct a mis-spelled word.

In the Appendix to this volume may be found the Journals of the Conventions held at Providence, at Springfield, and at New Haven. The Journals of the Providence and of the New Haven Conventions are from the Rhode Island archives, and I am not aware that they have before appeared in print. The Journal of the Springfield Convention is from our own archives. It had already been printed, from another copy, in *Calendar of New York Historical Manuscripts. Revolutionary Papers*, ii, 281.

The whole text of this volume was transcribed for the printer by my own hand. The index was made by Mr. James W. Thompson of the Secretary's office, who has also assisted in reading the proof.

HARTFORD, August 1, 1894. C. J. H.

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THE PUBLIC RECORDS

OF THE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT NEW HAVEN ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF OCTOBER, BEING THE TENTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS TO THE SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER FOLLOWING, ANNOQUE DOMINI, 1776.

Present:

The Honble Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*
The Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Roger Sherman, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Richard Law, Esqr,
} *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz.:

Colo. Thomas Seymour, for Hartford.
Mr. Samuel Lawrence, Capt. Amos Wilcox, for Symsbury.
Mr. Neziah Bliss, Mr. John Phelps, for Hebron.
Mr. Benoni Olcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Joseph Brooks, Mr. Hez. Brainerd, for Haddam.
[Capt.] Timothy Pearl, [Mr.] Moses Holmes, for Willington.
[Mr.] Ebenezer White, [Maj.] John Penfield, for Chatham.
[Mr. Ed]ward Collins, [Capt.] Ephraim [Pease,] for Enfield.
[Col. Henry Champion, Mr. John Watrous, for Colchester.]

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Capt. Elizur Goodrich, Colo. Thomas Belden, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Capt. Timothy * Daviss, for Stafford.
Mr. Benja. Trumbull, Mr. Seth King, for Bolton.
Mr. Reuben Sikes, Mr. Aaron Horton, for [Som]ers.
Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, Mr. Elijah Hollister, for [Glassenbury.]
Colo. Isaac Lee, Mr. John Treadwell, for [Farmington.]
Mr. Titus Hosmer, Mr. John Dickinson, for Mid[dletown.]
Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Mr. Sa[muel Huntington,] for [East Haddam.]
[Alexander King, Capt. Abraham Granger, for Suffield.]
Mr. Ichabod Griggs, Capt. Elijah Chapman, for Tolland.
Capt. Henry Allyn, Capt. Josiah Bissell, for Windsor.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Colo. Jonathan Fitch, for New Haven.
Mr. Eliphalet Hotchkiss, for Derby.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brunson, for Waterbury.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Mr. Benja. Pickett, for Durham.
Mr. Samuel Barker, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. Nathaniel Stone, Mr. Nathaniel Ruggles, for Guilford.
Mr. Ephraim Strong, Mr. Isaac Miles, for Milford.
Capt. Eliakim Hall, Mr. Samuel Beach, for Wallingford.
Mr. Nathaniel Shaw, jun^{r}, Maj^{r} William Hillhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Mr. Rufus Lathrop, for Norwich.
Mr. Park Avery, Mr. John Hurlbutt, for Groton.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Capt. Samuel Gale, for Killingworth.
Capt. William Witter, Capt. Asa Kinne, for Preston.
Capt. Daniel Fish, Mr. Joshua Prentice, for Stonington.
Mr. Samuel Field, [Capt.] Benja. Williams, for Saybrook.
[Mr. John Lay] 2d, [Mr. Marshfield] Parsons, for Lyme.
[Mr. Jonathan] Sturges, [Mr. Thaddeus] Burr, for Fairfield.
[Capt.] Robert Fairchild, [Capt.] Daniel Judson, for Stratford.
[Mr. James] Potter, [Capt. Dan Towner, for New Fairfield.]
Mr. Samuel † Sanford jun^{r}, Mr. Stephen Betts jun^{r}, for Reading.
Mr. Benjamin Weed, Mr. John Davenport, for Stamford.
Mr. Amos Mead, for Greenwich,
Mr. Stephen Smith, for Ridgefield,
Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.
for Newtown.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, Capt. Ebenezer Mosely, for Windham.
Mr. John Clark, Capt. Joshua West, for Lebanon.
Mr. Elisha Perkins, Mr. Joshua Dunlap, for Plainfield.
Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Nathan Frink, for Pomfrett.
Mr. David Payne, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Capt. Timothy Perrin, for Woodstock.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edmund Freeman, for Mansfield.
Mr. Simon Learned, Mr. Benja. Leavinze, for Killingley.
Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Abraham Burnap, for Coventry.

* For Timothy read Samuel. An error of the Secretary.
† For Samuel read Lemuel. The Secretary's error.

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Capt. Benja. Clark, Capt. Elisha Wales, for Ashford.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, Mr. Andrew Adams, for Litchfield.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Colo. Joshua Porter, Capt. Abiel Camp, for Salisbury.
Capt. Mathew Gillett, [Capt. Isaac Kellogg, for New] Hartford.
Mr. Ephraim Bancroft, Capt. Shubael Griswold, for Torrington.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. David Thomson, for Goshen.
Capt. Jethro Hatch, Capt. Justus Sackett, for Kent.
Capt. Sherman Boardman, Mr. Abel Hine, for New Milford.
Maj^r Ebenezer Gay, Mr. James Pardy, for Sharon.
Capt. Thomas Porter, Mr. Judah Kellogg, for Cornwall.
Capt. John Watson, Mr. Asahel Bebee, for Canaan.
Mr. Phineas Kingsbury, Mr. Joseph Wilder, for Hartland.
Capt. John Willson, Mr. Josiah Phelps, for Harwington.
Colo. Zebulon Butler, Colo. Nathan Denison, for Westmoreland.
Titus Hosmer, Esqr, Speaker, } of the House of Repre-
Benjamin Huntington, Esqr, Clerk, } sentatives.*

Whereas George the third, King of Great Britain, hath unjustly levied war against this and the other united States of America, declared them out of his protection, and abdicated the government of this State, whereby the good people of this State are absolved from their allegiance and subjection to the crown of Great Britain: And whereas the Representatives of the said United States in General Congress assembled have published and declared that these United States are and of right ought to be free and independent States, and that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown:

Resolved by this Assembly, That they approve of the Declaration of Independence published by said Congress, and that this Colony is and of right ought to be a free and independent State, and the inhabitants thereof are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and all political connections between them and the King of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.

And be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the form of civil government in this State shall continue to be as established by Charter received from Charles the second, King of England, so far as an adherence to the same will be consistent with an absolute independence of this State on the Crown of Great Britain; and that all officers, civil and military, heretofore appointed by this State continue in the execution of their several offices, and the laws of this State shall continue in force untill otherwise ordered: And

* In addition to the names on the record, the following gentlemen were returned as having been elected: Col. John Pitkin, for Hartford; Col. Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor; Capt. John Holbrook, for Derby; Col. John Mead, for Greenwich; Mr. Samuel Olmsted, for Ridgefield; Capt. Comfort Hoyt, for Danbury; Major Samuel McLellan, for Woodstock; Major James Gordon, for Voluntown. Roll in *Rev. War.* iv. 337.

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that for the future all writs and processes in law or equity shall issue in the name of the Governor and Company of the State of Connecticut; and that in all summonses, attachments, and other processes before any assistant or justice of the peace, the words, *One of his Majesty's justices of the peace* be omitted, and that instead thereof be inserted *justice of the peace;* and that no writ or process shall have or bear any date save the year of our Lord Christ only; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the act in alteration of an act prescribing forms of writs, processes &c. be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed.

An Act for the Punishment of High Treason and other atrocious Crimes against the State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That if any person or persons belonging to or residing within this State and under the protection of its laws shall levy war against the State or government thereof, or knowingly and willingly shall aid or assist any enemies at open war against this State, or the United States of America, by joining their armies or by inlisting or procuring or perswading others to inlist for that purpose, or by furnishing such enemies with arms or ammunition, provision or any other articles for their aid or comfort, or by carrying on a treacherous correspondence with them, or shall form or be any way concerned in forming any combination, plott, or conspiracy for betraying this State or of the United States into the hands or power of any foreign enemy, or shall give or attempt to give or send any intelligence to the enemies of this State for that purpose, every person so offending and being thereof convicted shall suffer death.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall endeavour to join the enemies of this State or of the United States, or use their influence to perswade or induce any person or persons to join, aid, comfort or assist them in any way or manner whatsoever, or shall have knowledge of any person or persons endeavouring or using their influence aforesaid, and shall conceal the same, shall be punished by fine according to the nature of his offence, and shall be imprisoned at the judgment of the superior court, in any of the goals in this State, not exceeding ten years.

An Act for prescribing and enjoining an Oath of Fidelity to the State.

Whereas the King of Great Britain hath abdicated the government of this and the other United States of America by putting them out of his protection, and unjustly levying war against them, and the said United States by their representatives in General Congress assembled, by a Declaration bearing date the fourth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, for the reasons therein mentioned solemnly declared that the united Colonies of North America

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are and of right ought to be free and independent States, and that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved; which Declaration is approved by this Assembly: Wherefore it is expedient, for the security of this State, that an oath of fidelity be taken by the freemen and officers thereof:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all the members of the General Assembly and other officers civil and military, and freemen within the State of Connecticut, shall take the following oath, *viz:* You A. B. do swear by the ever-living God that you will truly and faithfully adhere to and maintain the government established in this State under the authority of the people, agreeable to the laws in force within the same; and that you believe in your conscience that the King of Great Britain hath not, nor of right ought to have, any authority or dominion in or over this State; and that you do not hold yourself bound to yield any allegiance or obedience to him within the same; and that you will, to the utmost of your power, maintain and defend the freedom, independence, and privileges of this State against all open enemies or traiterous conspiracies whatsoever: So help you God. And no person shall have authority to execute any of the offices aforesaid after the first day of January next untill he hath taken said oath; and all persons who hereafter shall be appointed to any of said offices shall take said oath before they enter on the execution of their offices. And no freeman within this State shall be allowed to vote in the election of any of the officers of government untill he hath taken the aforesaid oath in the open freeman's meeting in the town where he dwells; and the names of all the freemen who take said oath shall be inrolled by the town clerk in the records of the town; which oath shall be administered by a magistrate or justice of the peace.

An Act for supporting the Credit and Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted and made current by the Congress of the United States of America, and the Bills of public Credit of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the bills of credit emitted and made current by the authority of the General Assembly of this State, and those emitted by the United States of America, shall be a legal tender as money in all payments within this State.

And, whereas, some evil-minded persons, inimical to the liberties of the United States of America, have endeavoured to depreciate the bills of credit of this and the said United States: Which to prevent,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person within this State shall attempt to depreciate or undervalue any of the bills of credit aforesaid by offering, demanding or receiving more in any

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of said bills in exchange for Spanish milled dollars, or other coins of gold or silver, or bullion, than the nominal value or amount thereof as stated in said bills, computing a Spanish milled dollar at six shillings lawfull money, and other coins of gold or silver and bullion at the value in proportion to dollars at which they pass in this State, or at which they are or may be fixed by the Assembly of the United States in Congress, or by offering, demanding or receiving, directly or indirectly, a greater sum in any of said bills for any houses, lands, goods or commodities whatsoever, than the same could be purchased at of the same person or persons in gold or silver money; or whoever shall sell or offer to sell house, land or any kind of commodity for hard money, and shall refuse to sell and dispose of the same for any of said bills, every person so offending shall forfeit the full value of the money so exchanged or the houses, land, goods or commodities so sold or offered to sale, one-half to the public treasury of this State, if the conviction be before the superior court, or to the county treasury if before the county court, or to the treasury of the town where the offence is committed if the conviction be before an Assistant or justice of the peace, and the other half to any person who shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect. And all informing officers are hereby directed to take notice of and make presentment of all breaches of this act.

An Act in Addition to an Act entituled An Act against counterfeiting Bills of public Credit, Coins or Currencies, and emitting and passing Bills or Notes on private Credit and to prevent Injustice in passing counterfeit Bills.

Whereas it is of the greatest importance to the United States of America and the trade and commerce of the same, that the bills of credit emitted or that may be emitted by order of the Continental Congress, and also the bills or notes of the Continental Loan Offices, that have been or may be issued therefrom in the several States by authority of Congress should be secured from counterfeiting or forgery:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That whosoever shall presume to forge, counterfeit or alter any of the bills of credit emitted, or that shall be emitted, by the Honorable Continental Congress, or of the bills or notes issued, or that shall be issued, from any or either of the Continental Loan Offices established, or that shall be established, within this or any other of the United States of America, by the order and authority of the Continental Congress, or shall alter and put off any such forged, altered or counterfeit bill or bills, note or notes, or that shall council, advise, procure, or any ways assist in the forging, counterfeiting, imprinting, stamping, altering, or signing of any false, forged and counterfeit bill or bills, note or notes, knowing them to be such, or that shall engrave any plate or make any instrument to be used for any of the purposes aforesaid, and shall be convicted of any or either of said crimes before the

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superior court, such person or persons so offending shall suffer the same pains and penalties that are by law already annexed to the crime of counterfeiting the bills of credit of this and the other States or Colonies on this continent.

An Act for making the Town of Westmoreland in this Colony a distinct County.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the town of Westmoreland, lying on the west side of the River Delaware in this Colony, shall be a distinct county, and to be called the County of Westmoreland, and shall have and exercise the same powers, privileges and authorities, and be subject to the same regulations, as the other counties in this State by law have and are subject unto, except in the cases limited by this act.

That there shall be annually held in and for said county two county courts, one on the last Tuesday of March and the other on the second Tuesday of November. That said court shall have cognizance of all criminal matters not extending to life. That for the tryal of criminal cases extending to life, the superior court shall be held in said county at such times as shall be specially ordered by the chief judge of said court; which court when sitting may also hear and determine any other criminal cases by law cognizable before said court. That the judgments of the county court in said county shall be final in all civil cases, from which no appeal shall be allowed: but errors in law in any of the judgments of said county court may be corrected by the superior court on writ of error, which may be brought to the superior court either in the county of Fairfield or Litchfield, in which case the superior court shall proceed to final judgment as has been usual in other cases of like nature. That no inhabitant of said county of Westmoreland shall be liable to be sued or called to answer in any civil action before any county court, assistant or justice of the peace in any other county in this Colony; nor shall any person dwelling in any of the other counties be liable to be sued or called to answer in any civil action in said county of Westmoreland.

Provided, That nothing in this act shall prevent any action being brought in the county where the plaintiff, when the defendant is present and his person arrested in said county, or being an absconding debtor hath estate or an agent, factor or trustee in the county where the plaintiff dwells.

Provided also, That no criminals shall be sent from said county of Westmoreland for punishment or confinement to New-Gate Prison in the county of Hartford, but another prison shall be erected in said county of Westmoreland instead thereof.

An Act for apprehending and securing such inimical Persons as shall be deemed and adjudged dangerous to the State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the

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civil authority, selectmen and committees of inspection, within the several towns in this State shall have power to confine within certain limits or remove all such persons within their respective towns as they shall upon due enquiry and examination judge to be inimical and dangerous to the United States, at the cost of such persons; and that his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety shall determine the place or places of confinement of all such inimical persons that are or shall be removed as aforesaid, and give orders for their government and support, and of a suitable guard if necessary, and to do everything necessary and proper for their security and good behaviour; and the officers fees and witnesses cost arising on such prosecution, confinement and removal, shall be taxed by any of said civil authority and execution be granted therefor by said authority when occasion may require.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the committee appointed to take care of prisoners are impowered and directed to apply to the civil authority and selectmen, to call out proper guards when needed for the security of such prisoners, and to punish such guards for neglect on duty, agreeable to the law in such case made; and the committees of the respective towns where such inimical persons shall be ordered by his Honor the Governor and his Committee aforesaid shall be likewise empowered to call out proper guards by applying as aforesaid, and shall observe such directions as the Governor and his Council of Safety shall from time to time give therein.

An Act for regulating the Inspecting and Vending of Gun-Powder.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there shall be an Inspector or Inspectors from time to time appointed by the General Assembly within the several counties in this State, sufficiently qualifyed to judge the goodness of gun-powder, who shall examine every cask of gun-powder manufactured within the said several counties to which they belong, or to be purchased on account and for the use of this State, by the most approved method of ascertaining the quality of gun-powder; and the said inspector or inspectors shall be sworn to a faithfull discharge of his trust and receive one eighth part of a dollar in bills of credit for every hundred weight he or they shall so examine. That no gun-powder shall be received into any public magazine within this State for the use of this or of the United States of America, or delivered from the powder-mills for that purpose, but such as hath been approved of by the inspector or inspectors aforesaid as to its quickness in firing, strength, dryness, and other necessary qualities; and that said inspector or inspectors shall mark each cask approved with the letters U S A, S C. and also with the first letters of his or their own name, and take especial care that no gun-powder be put into any cask but such as are well seasoned and dry.

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And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall presume to vend any kind of gun-powder manufactured within this or any other of the States of America, which hath not been duly inspected and approved as aforesaid, and shall be thereof convicted before any court proper to hear and determine the same, shall forfeit double the value of such gun-powder, to be recovered by action, bill, plaint or information: and the inspectors aforesaid are directed to be particularly vigilant in that respect.

An Act in Addition to an Act for the more effectual carrying into Execution the several Acts relative to the Making of Salt-Petre and Gun-Powder within this Colony.

Whereas the selectmen in each town are in and by said act appointed inspectors of salt-petre; notwithstanding which sundry quantities of that article, either through the unskilfulness or inadvertency of the inspectors, have been found upon tryal when brought to the powder-mills to be impure and unfit for the manufacturing of good gun-powder, and thereby the public much injured: Which mischief to prevent for the future,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be appointed for each powder-mill in this Colony a good and skilfull inspector of salt-petre, who shall be under oath and shall carefully reinspect all the salt-petre brought to said respective mills, before any premium is paid thereon or price therefor; and whatsoever salt-petre shall be found bad and impure shall be refused by said inspector, and the selectmen of the town from whence it came notifyed thereof and of the expence attending the same, which shall be deducted together with the wastage thereon arising from the premium and price thereof, and the remainder paid over to the owners thereof.

An Act to prevent Ingrossers and for the better Supply of our Troops in the Army with such Necessaries as may be wanted.

Whereas many are so abandoned and lost to all the feelings of humanity as to prey upon the bowels of their country in this day of public distress and struggle by endeavouring to engross many of the necessary articles of life, especially of such as are more immediately wanted for the comfort and support of our armies, whereby much extortion and oppression arises upon the poor and the soldiery: Which to prevent,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That his Honor the Governor with the advice of his Committee of Safety, be and they are hereby enabled, impowered and directed, that whenever and whatever article or articles of necessary support for the army may be wanted, to impress and seize the same out of the hands of any ingrosser for the use aforesaid, and to have the same apprized by two indifferent judicious men under oath appointed for that purpose, which price so affixed shall be paid to the owner or owners thereof;

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and that suitable persons shall be appointed by his Honor the Governor and his Committee aforesaid, to furnish and supply the army with necessaries as aforesaid upon the most reasonable terms, agreeable to the encouragement given by this Assembly.

Whereas the article of Salt is much wanted in this State, and notwithstanding the bounty ordered by this Assembly in May last to all those who should make 500 bushels or more yet is found inadequate properly to encourage the setting up said branch of business and making smaller quantities,

Resolved by this Assembly, That a bounty of one shilling per bushell upon any lesser quantity than 500 bushells shall be paid out of the public treasury upon each bushell of good salt that shall be made in this State before the first day of November, 1777; and upon the makers of salt producing a certificate under the hands of the selectmen of the town where salt was manufactured of the quantities so made shall receive said bounty, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same to the respective manufacturers accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor, with the advice of his Council of Safety, shall be impowered and enabled, and he is hereby impowered and enabled, upon finding it necessary and expedient for the benefit of the public, to lay any further Embargo upon the exportation of swine, or any other article, out of this State as shall be thought requisite in the recess of the General Assembly of this State.

Whereas it is resolved and recommended by the Honorable Continental Congress, that a Loan Office be established in each of the united States of America, and that a Commissioner to superintend such office be appointed by the said States, respectively, &c., and this Assembly judging that such loan offices may be beneficial: It is thereupon resolved, that John Lawrence, Esqr, of Hartford, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner to superintend such loan office as shall be established by said Congress within this State agreeable to and for the purposes mentioned in their resolutions of the third of October instant.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, Eliphalet Dyer,* Oliver Wolcott, Richard Law, and William Williams, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed Delegates to represent this State at the General Congress of the United States in America for the year ensuing and untill new be chosen; any or either of them who shall be present in said Congress are hereby fully author-

* November 21, 1776. Col. Dyer sent in his resignation, alledging his ill health and that of some of his family, and the state of his private affairs occasioned by his long absences. *Rev. War*, v, 122.

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ized and impowered to represent this State in said Congress, to consult and advise and resolve upon measures necessary to be taken and pursued for the defence, security, and preservation of the rights and liberties of the said United States, and for their common safety; and of such their proceedings and resolves they do transmit authentic copies from time to time to the General Assembly of this State.

Resolved, That the Delegates appointed by this Assembly to attend the Congress of the United States of America be instructed that only three of them give constant attendance at one time at the public expence; that they attend by turns, and agree between themselves as to the time and conveniency of each ones attendance.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. Thomas Seymour, Esqr, one of the Council of Safety, in the room of Richard Law, Esqr, excused.

This Assembly do appoint Jesse Root, Esqr, to be one of the Committee of Pay-Table.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all matters begun and entered upon by the Governor and his Council of Safety during the recess of the General Assembly, relative to our naval affairs and the fortifying and defence of our sea coasts agreeable to the resolution of the Assembly heretofore made, be still referred over, taken up, pursued, and carryed into execution, by his Honor and his said Council of Safety, the sessions of the Assembly notwithstanding.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a bounty or premium of one shilling per pound be paid out of the public treasury of this State for all Salt-petre that shall be manufactured according to the laws already provided for manufacturing salt-petre and nitre from the first day of January next and before the first day of June next.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that many of the constables heretofore chosen by the several towns in this Colony to collect the colony tax the current year are now engaged in the army, whereby great delay and loss may happen in that respect: Resolved by this Assembly, that the several towns in this Colony do as soon as may be choose some suitable person to collect the colony tax in the respective towns where their former chosen collector is gone into the army, and make return of such collector to the Treasurer, who shall insert the name of such collector in the warrant to be by him issued for the collecting of said tax in said respective towns, as also of any such constable who hath already been chosen in any of said towns for the reason and purpose aforesaid, who shall be accountable and make up and settle his account with said Treasurer according to law.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That an Embargo be forthwith laid upon the exportation out of this Colony, by land or water, without a permit from his Honor the Governor, of the following articles, to wit: Wheat, rye, indian corn, pork and salt, pease, beans, bread, flour and every kind of meal except necessary stores for vessels outward bound; likewise all kind of cloaths, linnen and woollen, fit and suitable for cloathing for the army, except such as shall be provided for and sent for the use of our army or navy; and also that an embargo be laid upon the exportation out of this Colony by water of the following articles, to wit: beef, live cattle, sheep, butter and cheese. Provided this act shall not extend to prevent any particular person or persons from carrying or sending to such soldiers in the army as may be under the care and special relation of such person or persons any necessary cloathing or provision they may want for their own use and consumption; and that his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to issue a proclamation accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That in compliance with the resolution of the Congress of the United States of the 16th of September last and of the eighth of October instant, eight battalions be immediately raised out of the troops belonging to this State now in the army and such other inhabitants of this State as will voluntarily inlist, to serve during the war on the generous encouragement offered by Congress; and as a further encouragement this Assembly will make suitable provision for furnishing said troops with cloathing and other necessaries not provided by the Congress, on the best terms that they can be procured, which shall be delivered to them at prime cost and charges, and will also take care that the sick and wounded be well accommodated and provided with necessaries for their comfort and relief, and that a suitable person or persons be appointed to procure and deliver out such cloathing and other necessarys.

Whereas this Assembly have resolved to raise eight battalions of troops in this State, to serve in the continental army during the present war, upon the wages, bounty and allowances, offered by the Honorable Continental Congress: And whereas the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay have added to the wages and allowances of the troops to be raised in that State for said service,

Resolved by this Assembly, That every non-commission officer and soldier, inhabitants of this State, who shall inlist into the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State as aforesaid, shall have and receive from this State so much over and above the wages allowed and offered, or that shall be allowed and offered, by the Honorable Continental Congress as to make up the pay of a soldier to be three pounds per month during said service, and the pay of the non-commissioned officers in proportion thereto.

And it is also resolved, That each non-commissioned officer and soldier that shall inlist into said eight battalions or either of them as

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aforesaid, shall annually have and receive from this State a good blanket in addition to the cloathing offered and to be provided by the Honble the Continental Congress during the term of their service as aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That each tent ordered to be made by act of this Assembly in the several towns in this State shall contain the quantity of twenty-seven yards of cloath one yard wide, or equal thereto in cloth of different wedth, well manufactured of yarn not coarser than thirty nots to the pound.

This Assembly do appoint John Durkey, Jedidiah Huntington, Andrew Ward jun., William Douglas, John Chester, Philip Burr Bradley, Heman Swift and John Douglas, Esq^rs, to be Colonels of the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Prentice, Giles Russell, Solomon Wells, Obadiah Johnson, James Arnold, Thomas Hobby, John Chandler and Josiah Starr, to be Lieutenant Colonels of the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint John Sumner, John Ely, Waterman Clift, Hezekiah Holdridge, David Dimon, John Ripley, Mathew Mead and John Bigelow, Esq^rs, to be Majors of the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

Captains.

This Assembly do appoint Noah Phelps, Hezekiah Parsons, Elijah Robinson, Abner Pryor, Amasa Mills, John Isham, Jonathan Johnson, Eliphalet Holmes, Ichabod Norton, John Harmon, Jonathan Wells, Chester Wells, Jonathan Parker, Simon Wolcott, Abraham Tyler and Edward Eells, to be Captains in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Russell, Jonas Prentice, Nathaniel Bunnell, William Hull, Peter Perrit, Eli Leavenworth, Stephen Hall and David Smith, to be Captains in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint David Fithin Sill, Christopher Darrow jun^r., Jedidiah Hide, Abel Spicer, Christopher Ely, William Belcher, Aaron Stephens, Edward Shipman, Richard Deshon, Ebenezer Brewster and Ebenezer Huntington, to be Captains in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Robert Walker, Elijah Abel, Samuel Keeler, Joseph Hait, Silvanus Brown, Noble Benedict, Phineas Beardsley, Jabez Botsford, Ezekiel Sanford and Albert Chapman, to be Captains in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Grosvenor, John Kyes, James Clark, James Dana, Benoni Cutler, Vine Elderkin, Wells Cleft,

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Stephen Brown, Daniel Allen and Daniel Tilden, to be Captains in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Nathaniel Tuttle, Isaac Bostwick, Abraham Bradley, Simeon Smith, Edward Rogers, Jesse Kimball, Solomon Strong, Bezaleel Bebee and Theodore Woodbridge, to be Captains in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

First Lieutenants.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Bulkley, John Barnard, Eliphalet Chamberlin, Henry Champion jun., Marcus Cole, George Griswold jun., Thomas Hollister jun., Isaac Spencer, Ambrose Sloper, David McCluer, Thomas Abby, Ichabod Hinckley, Samuel Carver, Stephen Palmer, Samuel Granger and Ebenezer Wright, to be First Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Mansfield, Israel Potter, Nathan Parsons, Michael Brunson, Ephraim Chamberlin, Gilbert Dudley, Samuel Barker jun., and Samuel Baldwin jun, to be First Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint David Nevins, Edward Hallam, Thomas Avery, Jonathan Palmer, Caleb Baldwin, Elisha Lee, Simeon Huntington, William Adams, Jacob Dewit, Oliver Babcock, and Beriah Bill, to be First Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Robert Lewiss, Josiah Lacy, Joseph A. Wright, Joseph Webb jun., John Jones, Lemuel Benedict, William Hawley, James Betts, Silvanus Mead and William Green, to be First Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint John McGregor, John Shumway, Abner Bacon, William Frizel, James Sprague, Josiah Child, Elias Weld, Joseph Talcott, Abner Robinson and Andrew Fitch, to be First Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Peter Mills, Thomas Converse, Jesse Cook, Nathan Stoddard, Asahel Hodge, Elisha Bostwick, Eleazer Claghorn, John Rockwell and Obadiah Gore jun^{r}., to be First Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

Second Lieutenants.

This Assembly do appoint Roger Hooker, Edward Payne, Joseph Booth jun., Simeon Newell, Thomas Haydon, Ezekiel P. Belding, Abraham Wright, Aaron Hale, Jonathan Humphry jun., Peleg Heath, Samuel Hazard jun., David Starr, Elijah Chapman, Silas Blodgett, Samuel Felt jun^{r}. and Jonathan Hart, to be Second Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Norton, Amos Fowler, Ambrose

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Hine, Ebenezer Fowler jun., Stephen Potter, William Clark, Nathaniel Edwards and Elias Stillwell, to be Second Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint John Blackleach, Ebenezer Banks, Thaddeus Weed, Henry Warring, John St. John, James Hughs, Judson Whiting, Reuben Sceovel,* Samuel Hoit and James Barns, to be Second Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Enoch Reid, William Richards, Park Avery jun., Nathaniel Bishop, Moses Dudley jun., Daniel Collins, William Raymond, Ezra Selden jun., Henry Hill, Ebenezer Perkins and Joshua Tracy, to be Second Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Knowlton, Josiah Fuller, Joseph Birge, Sanford Kingsbury, Joshua Bottom, Ebenezer West, Paul Brigham, Silvanus Perry, Samuel Campbell and Benjamin Durkee, to be Second Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Noah Judson, John Holenbeck, Reuben Calking, Ebenezer Hill, John Jenkins jun., Josiah Stoddard, Jesse Grant, Samuel Stone Butler and Samuel Pettibone, to be Second Lieutenants in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

Ensigns.

This Assembly do appoint Elijah Ransom, Samuel Richards, Elisha Bruster jr., Simeon Belding, Powning† Deming, Josiah Blakesley, Benjamin Holcomb, Simon Gains, John Buell, Orlando Mack, Benjamin Henshaw jr., Bildad Granger, Titus Bunnell, David Spencer, Samuel Smith and Phineas Grover, to be Ensigns in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint John Odell, Jeremiah Beard Eells, Gideon Waterbury, Thomas Hobby jun., Ebenezer Olmsted, Benjamin Hecock, Timothy Taylor, Clement Botsford, James Bebee and Stephen Betts, to be Ensigns in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint William Smith, David Dudley 3d, Joseph Shaylor, Joseph Beach junr., John Mansfield, David Hitchcock, Edward Riggs and Timothy White, to be Ensigns in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Obadiah Child, Ichabod Bosworth, Joseph Hull,‡ Lemuel Grosvenor, Lemuel Cleft, Ebenezer Wales, Jonathan Nichols, Simon House, David Dorrance and John Alden, to be Ensigns in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

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* *Schofield* as originally passed. *Rev. War*, iv, 349, but written *Scovil*, *id.* 353.
† Pownal as originally passed. *Rev. War*, iv, 347.
‡ Hale. *Rev. War*, iv, 348, 353.

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This Assembly do appoint Daniel Wait, Daniel Billings, John Durkee jun^{r}., Jabez Smith jun^{r}., David Bill, Asa Story, Richard Douglas, Benoni Shipman, Charles Fanning, Thomas Updike Fosdick and Reuben Clark, to be Ensigns in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint David Goff, Elihu Smith, Salmon Agard, Zerah Beach, Alexander Waugh, Israel Jones jun^{r}., Charles Goodwin, Asa Brunson and John Jameson, to be Ensigns in the eight battalions now ordered to be raised in this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety do and they are hereby impowered and directed to appoint all the Staff Officers of the eight battalions now to be raised within this State, and also from time to time to fill up all such offices as may become vacant in said battalions, either of commission or of the staff, by reason of refusal or otherwise, during the recess of this Assembly; and also to appoint pay-masters to the several regiments now to be raised within this State.

Whereas the Sea Port Towns in this State adjoining to the Sound are greatly exposed to the incursions of the enemy in their present situation: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Honor the Governor be desired to apply to the Honble the Congress of the United States of America, to allow two battalions, at the expence of the several United States, to be posted along the sea coast of this State at such places as the Governor and Council of Safety of this State shall direct.

This Assembly do appoint David Wooster, Esqr., to be Major General of the militia of this State, and his Honor the Governor is hereby desired to commission him accordingly.

Whereas the near approach of the enemy to the western parts of this State, as well as the critical situation of the continental army, and the danger there is of the enemy cutting of all communication between the country and the army, calls for the utmost speedy exertion of all our force and strength in that quarter to oppose the further inroads of the enemy as well as to facilitate the operation of our army,

Resolved, That as many of the militia as are fit for service and of other householders etc., able-bodied effective men within the limits of the ninth, tenth, thirteenth and sixteenth regiments within this State, be immediately called forth, well armed and equipped, and embodied under the command of Maj^{r} General Wooster appointed by this State to lead them forth, command and direct them in the necessary operations against our enemy, and to give all possible relief to our army, notifying the General and Commander in Chief of the continental army of his situation and readiness to cooperate with him, taking such

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directions from him as he may obtain how and in what manner he may most conduce to his assistance and annoy the enemy, and to consult and advise with any other general or commanding officer or officers of our army who may be nearest to him for that purpose.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the third regiment of light horse and the troop of [light*] horse in the tenth regiment of militia be ordered forthwith to march to the western part of this State, to join the forces under the command of Maj^r General Wooster, who is hereby directed and impowered to give orders for their march, operations and stations.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw orders upon the Treasurer in favour of the colonel or commanding officer of each regiment of the militia now ordered to march, for such sum as will be sufficient to enable said colonels or commanding officer to advance twenty shillings to each officer and soldier of such respective regiments that shall join and march as aforesaid; the said colonel or commanding officer to be accountable for the same; and that the troops of horse and militia now ordered out shall not be holden in service longer than the term of two months from the time of their march. And his Honor the Governor is desired to give order accordingly.

Whereas a number of non-commission officers and soldiers [that] neglected to march to New York in August or September last when ordered by the Governor, [but] now in complyance with his Honor's proclamation issued the present session of Assembly are [upon] their march to join General Wooster but have not money sufficient for their marching [expence:]

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. Jonathan Fitch of Newhaven and Colo. John Me[ad] be directed to pay each of said officers and soldiers that shall march according to said pro[clamation] twenty shillings, lawfull money, and exhibit his account thereof to the Pay-Table who are [directed] to draw on the Treasurer for payment.

An Act to compel the Furnishing necessary [Supplies] and Assistance to the Quarter Master General of the Continental Army.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That if any person [or persons] within this Colony shall upon request refuse to sell or supply to the Quarter Master [General] of the continental army the articles of timber, boards, shingles, brick or stone, [or to sell] or let their horses, oxen, carts or carriages, for transporting the same, or to furni[sh any] other necessary supplies and assistance for the use of said army, it shall be [the duty] of any one assistant or

* This word is in the original bill. *Rev. War*, iv, 364.

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justice of the peace within this Colony and they are he[reby ordered] and directed, upon application to them made by any such quarter-master or [quarter-masters,] their agent or agents, to grant a proper warrant or warrants for the impressing from [any such] person or persons so refusing any of the necessary articles or things aforesaid or [of any other article] or thing needfull for the support or supply of said army or for the transportation [of the same,] directed to the sheriff, his deputy, constable, or any indifferent person within the [county where] such application shall be made; who shall impress and cause an apprizement to [be made] thereof by two or more indifferent men within said county, to be appointed by the [authority] granting such warrant, at the just and true value, and deliver the same to said [quarter-master] or quarter-masters, their agent or agents, he or they paying to the owner or owners thereof or into the hands of such officer who shall impress the same, the sum or sums at which the said article or thing shall be appraised as aforesaid, or so much as shall be reasonable for the use of such horse or horses, oxen, cart or carriage where the same shall be returned again to the owner thereof by his own consent and agreement.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be provided in this State as soon as may be for the use of the militia thereof when called into actual service the following articles of camp equipage and utensils, *viz:* two thousand tents, two thousand iron potts containing two gallons each, four thousand wooden bowls, and six thousand canteens or wooden bottles.

And be it further resolved, That the same be provided by the several towns in this State in manner and proportion following, to wit: that one tent, one iron pot, two wooden bowls, and three canteens be provided for every thousand pounds of the general list of such towns respectively in the year 1775, and the selectmen of the respective towns in this State are hereby directed and required to procure the aforesaid tents and camp utensils and them keep and have in constant readiness for the use of the militia in their respective towns when called into actual service: the cost and expence of procuring the same to be paid and born by such towns respectively.

And be it further resolved, That the selectmen of the several towns in this State shall also, at the cost of their respective towns, provide and have in constant readiness suitable boxes in which to place and secure the iron potts aforesaid for transportation, and also that they do from time to time take care to keep the canteens aforesaid tight and in good order and fit for use.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed, to adjust and allow all such reasonable sums for the inevitable losses of cloathing, blankets, arms, and accoutrements, belonging to the officers or soldiers either of the militia or new levies, or that were provided for and used by

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them, as on proper examination or certificate being produced from two of the general officers now in the army belonging to this State, or from one general officer and one colonel belonging to this State, or in such other cases when by clear proof and good evidence it may appear to said committee that the loss was not occasioned by carelessness or cowardice in sudden flight from the enemy or contrary to the orders of the superior officer then in such party commanding they shall find due; and also all such sums as in the opinion of said committee shall be found justly due on account of the cost of sickness on the road going to or returning from either of the said armies, or occasioned by the cost of medicine at the army which could not be obtained out of the public stores.

And be it further resolved, That all the officers and soldiers of the militia who marched in obedience to orders issued by his Honor the Governor to the assistance of the army since the first of July last and shall produce a proper discharge, or that were permitted to return from the army on furlow or by reason of sickness and are not returned as deserters, shall be allowed twenty shillings each for their extraordinary expences at that season of the year; and that the heirs and representatives of such as dyed in the service be entituled to the twenty shillings premium as well as such who were discharged, over and above the wages and mileage allowed by the Honble Continental Congress, and that the commanding officer of the regiments return the names of such persons in their respective regiments as are returned deserters from said service to the Committee of Pay-Table, to enable them to execute the trust reposed in them.

Whereas General Gates by a letter has requested a number of iron spades and iron shovels to be sent to Tyconderoga, and a quantity of flour to be sent to Skenesborough, with some shingle nails for the use of the army under his command: Therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Maj^r^ Ebenezer Gay be appointed and directed to purchase 200 spades and iron shovels and send them forthwith to General Gates at Tyconderoga for the purpose aforesaid; and also, to purchase ten tons of wheat flour and transport the same forthwith to Skeensborough to be stored and guarded in such place and manner as General Gates shall direct; and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deliver to the said Major Gay the sum of £300, taking his receipt to account for the same; and that Doct^r^ John Dickinson be and is hereby appointed and directed to employ a proper number of nail-makers forthwith to manufacture shingle nails; and that his Honor the Governor be desired to inform General Gates thereof and request information how many will be necessary for his purpose.

We, your Honors committee appointed to take into consideration what further measures are best to be taken to provide for the comfort and relief of the militia of this State in service and for obtaining

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as early release for them as possible, beg leave to report it as our opinion, that his Honor the Governor be desired to write to his Excellency General Washington, requesting him as soon as possible to discharge all the sick in the militia who it shall be judged incapable of further service, and likewise that he would in some way which his wisdom shall devise provide blankets and cloathing for those of the militia who have been so unfortunate as to loose them in retreating from the enemy or permit some suitable persons on furlow to repair to the various parts of this State as may be convenient to procure those articles of the friends of those soldiers who are thus deprived of them. All which is submitted by your Honors humble servants,

Signed per order, JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

In the Lower House: The above report is accepted and approved.

Attest, BENJA. HUNTINGTON, Clerk.

Concurr[d] in the Upper House. Test, GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret[y].

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw an order upon the Treasurer for the sum of four hundred pounds in bills, in favour of Maj[r] Elisha Sheldon, to be by him distributed to defray the expence of the light-horse under his command now ordered to march into the State of New York, for which he is to render his account to the Pay-Table when required.

This Assembly do appoint Messrs. Wait Goodrich, Eneas Munson, Guy Richards, Abraham Beardslee, Constant Southworth, Asahel Bebee and Zebulon Butler, to be Inspectors of Gun-Powder in this State untill the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Constant Southworth, Doct. Eneas Munson, Colo. Joshua Porter and Mr. Wait Goodrich to be Reinspectors of Saltpetre at the powder-mills in this State untill the first day of June next.

Whereas this Assembly at their sessions in June last appointed Samuel Squire etc., to purchase barrell-pork for the use of the Colony, and it being now represented to this Assembly that some persons in the county of Fairfield still retain quantities of pork that is wanted for the public service, contrary to said resolve, which makes it necessary that further provision be made in order to carry the same into execution: Resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Squire of Fairfield be directed and impowered and he is hereby impowered, to seize and take any quantity of pork that is wanted for the public service from any person or persons that have refused or shall refuse to sell the same agreeable to said resolve of June, and when so seized or taken to pay the owner or owners thereof according to said resolve; and said Squire is hereby further impowered and directed, in case of

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refusal as aforesaid, to command and take with him proper and sufficient assistance for that purpose, and to break open any shop or store in order for taking and seizing the same for the purpose aforesaid.

This Assembly being informed of the distressed situation of many of the militia that have been ordered to join the continental army, by reason of their being destitute of physicians and proper medicines for the sick, do appoint Doct^r Samuel Gale and Doct^r Jonathan Todd, as his mate, forthwith to repair to the Connecticut troops and militia in the Jerseys, and to carry with them as many medicines and refreshments as they conveniently can, and generally to take care of and administer proper relief to any of the sick belonging to this Colony; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are ordered to draw on the Treasurer to deliver to the said Doct^r Gale the sum of one hundred pounds, lawfull money, to enable them to perform the business aforesaid, taking his receipt to be accountable for the expenditure thereof.

This Assembly being informed by letter from Doct^r Morgan to his Honor the Governor of the necessity of some persons being appointed to take the immediate care of the hospital stores for the use of the Connecticut troops in the continental service, and also signifying that eight shillings per day would be allowed to such persons as should be thereto appointed, do now appoint Doct^r Philip Turner, of Norwich, to be Physician and Surgeon for the Connecticut troops now engaged or to be engaged in the continental service and Director of the Hospital Stores for said troops; and do hereby authorize and impower the said Philip Turner to procure and receive all such medicinal stores as he may judge necessary and use the same for the benefit of said troops and to have the direction thereof. And as an inducement to the said Philip Turner to engage in the said service, it is now ordered that the said Philip Turner be allowed, in addition to the aforesaid eight shillings per day four shillings per day; and his Honor the Governor is hereby desired to acquaint him with this appointment and direct him to prepare and with all possible expedition to repair to said troops for the execution of said trust.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer, in favour of Doct^r Philip Turner, for the sum of three hundred pounds, lawfull money, for the use of the hospital for the Connecticut troops, and that his Honor the Governor by advice of his Committee of Safety be impowered and directed to make such further draughts as occasion may require for the purpose aforesaid.

Whereas his Excellency William Livingston, Esqr, Governor of the State of New Jersies, by his letter of the 19th of September, representing that Mr. Franklin, late Governor of New Jersey, having possessed himself of a chest or box containing Minutes of Council, Ex-

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aminations in Council and other papers of consequence to that State, thought proper, as there is great reason to believe, a few days before he was apprehended to secrete them, which papers they have not been able upon the most diligent search to recover; desiring that this State would interpose and cause the said Mr. Franklin and his man Thomas, who is suspected to be privy to the concealment, to be examined on oath relative to said matter, and requesting that said Thomas might be first examined before he has opportunity to consult with his said master upon the subject: Resolved therefore by this Assembly, that Mathew Talcott, Esqr, and Jesse Root, Esqr, be appointed and they are hereby appointed and directed, to cause Mr. Franklin's servant Thomas to come before them and separately to interrogate and examine him under oath relative to the premises; and also to cause the said Mr. Franklin to come before them after having previously examined the said servant Thomas first, and further interrogate and examine him if needfull under oath relative to the matter of said concealment, removal and detention of what ought to be now in the custody and possession of the Council of the said State of New Jersey, and report make.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the fire-arms to be made and purchased for the use of this State by the committee appointed for that purpose shall be of the following dimensions, *viz:* the length of the barrell from three feet and eight inches to three feet and ten inches, diameter of the bore from inside to inside to be so large as to carry an ounce ball in a cartridge; that the length of the blade of the bayonet be sixteen inches, length of the socket four inches, the barrell of the gun to be suitable with iron ram-rods with a spring in the lowest loop to secure the ram-rods, a good substantial bridled lock well mounted with brass and marked with the maker's name or initial letters of the maker's name, and that they shall be also marked with the letters S. C. in some conspicuous place on the barrell.

Upon report of the committee appointed to consider what further provision and encouragement should be made for the procuring fire-arms and gun-locks,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Robert Fairchild, Capt. Ephraim Pease, Capt. Dudley Wright, Doct^{r} John Dickinson, Mr. Asahel Holcomb, Mr. Nathan Frink, Capt. Jabez Huntington and Capt. John Phelps, be and they are hereby appointed a committee in addition to those gentlemen heretofore appointed for procuring of fire arms and gun-locks; and that the same powers and authority heretofore given to a former committee be and the same is hereby revived and given to said committee for the purpose of executing the aforesaid trust. And said committee are directed to exert their utmost endeavours to effect the manufacture of good fire-arms and

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locks upon the encouragement heretofore granted, and make report of their doings to the General Assembly in May next, to which time their authority shall continue.

And it is further resolved, That Mr. Elihu Clark, Maj^{r} Nathaniel Brown, Mr. Samuel Smith, Capt. Lemuel Stoughton, Mr. Isaac Doolittle, Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Mr. Samuel Noyes, Mr. John Raymond, Capt. Daniel Judson, Capt. Jabez Huntington, Mr. Elnathan Walker, Mr. Edmund Beach and Capt. Mathew Gillett, be and they are hereby severally appointed Inspectors to examine and approve of all such fire-arms and locks as shall be made within this State; and none of said arms shall be received or paid for by said committee for the use of this State or any premium allowed thereon to any manufacturer untill examination and due proof has been made of such arms by said inspector or inspectors and a proper certificate given thereof under his or their hands that the same are good, well wrought and sufficiently strong and substantial. And Titus Hosmer, Esqr, at his own request, is hereby released from any further trouble in procuring fire-arms or locks in consequence of his appointment formerly made to that service.

Whereas the public safety makes it necessary still to continue the Cannon Foundery at Salisbury in blast for the purpose of making a sufficient quantity of cannon &c. for the public defence; and it being represented to this Assembly that a sufficient quantity of wood cannot in the ordinary method be procured to keep the same in blast, and that there is a quantity near on land belonging to the heir of Daniel Edwards, Esqr, late of Hartford, deceas^{d}, who is a minor: Therefore, resolved by this Assembly, that Joshua Porter, Esqr, who has the care of said foundery, be impowered and he is hereby impowered, authorized and appointed, to purchase said wood of the said heir or his guardians upon reasonable terms, if they can agree; if not, to take the same without stripping the farm of what may be necessary for firing and fencing, and where it may be least detrimental thereto, for the use aforesaid, and to allow and pay the just and reasonable value thereof according to the apprizal of three good and indifferent freeholders of the vicinity under oath, and account render.

Whereas it is found necessary that a commissary of prisoners of war should be appointed in the several United States &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Mr. Epaphras Bull of Hartford be and he is hereby appointed a Commissary of Prisoners of War within this State, who shall take care and provide for all such prisoners of war as are now within this State or that hereafter may be sent to and kept within the same; and that said commissary or commissaries for the time being shall observe all such rules and orders as shall from time to time be made by the General Assembly, his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety, or Continental Congress, respecting

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such prisoners for the due ordering, governing or providing for the same, and shall make monthly returns of the state and condition of said prisoners under their care to the Board of War appointed by said Congress, and be sworn to a faithfull discharge of his said trust.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Doct^rs Alexander Wolcott, John Dickinson, John Watrous, Eneas Munson, Leveret Hubbard, Elias Carrington, Elisha Tracy, Benjamin Gale, Eleazer Mather, Platt Townshend, Amos Mead, James Cogswell, John Clark, Elisha Lord, Samuel Lee, Reuben Smith, Elisha Sill and Seth Bird, or any three of them, be appointed and they are hereby appointed and authorized to examine such persons within this State as may offer themselves to serve as surgeons or surgeon's mates in the continenal army or navy, and upon full evidence of proper and sufficient qualifications to give certificates accordingly.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That said examiners and all others who may hereafter be appointed for the same purpose shall be under oath for their faithfull performance of their trust according to their best skill and judgment, that the form of said oath shall be as follows, *viz:*

You A. B. being appointed to examine those persons within this State who shall offer to serve as surgeons or surgeon's mates in the continental army or navy do swear by the name of the ever-living God that you will faithfully and impartially execute said trust according to your best skill and judgment and give certificates to such as you shall find duly qualifyed to serve in said offices without respect of persons or favour to any man: So help you God.

Which oath any one Assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized and directed on request to administer to the examiners that are or shall be appointed for the purpose aforesaid.

Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to request the commanding officer of the Northern Army to order suitable provision to be made for the officers and soldiers of this State, especially for the sick on their return home as they may be discharged or dismissed from time to time at such places and stations as may be thought most needfull; and that if it should be inconvenient for the commanding officer through multiplicity of concerns to attend to this matter in due time his Honor the Governor and the Council of Safety are desired to make proper provision in the matter aforesaid.

This Assembly do appoint Elijah Hyde Junr, Esqr, to be Major of the Second Regiment of Light Horse in this State in the room of William Hillhouse, Esqr, resigned.

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Whereas it is apprehended the stores and provisions for the use of the continental army and this State now stored in the various parts along Sound in several of the towns in the westward parts of this State are by means of the near approach of the enemy in great danger: Whereupon this Assembly do appoint John Davenport, Esqr, immediately to go forwards to the several places where such provisions &c. are stored and with the advice of any gentlemen acting under the Commissary General to remove them back from the sea shore to some safe place back from the water, where they shall think most proper; to which purpose they are impowered to impress all such teams and carriages as are necessary for that purpose.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that there are several non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the troops of horse and militia in this State who did not march according to orders issued from the Capt. General for the defence of this and the United States of America, and that there are others who deserted said service after they had joined and marched with their respective corps, all since the first day of July last: And this Assembly willing to extend their clemency to such as are yet desirous of fulfilling their duty in the service of their country,

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to issue a Proclamation* offering a pardon and indemnification to all such non-commissioned officers and soldiers who have been delinquent in manner aforesaid, provided they do immediately return to their duty and join themselves to their respective companies now in service or to any of the companies in either of the regiments now ordered to march under the command of Maj^{r} General Wooster in the defence of this and other the united States; and also to declare that such as shall so return and fulfill their duty untill duly discharged, shall receive their pay and wages for the time they did and shall continue in said service, and that his Honor the Governor do also order and direct that due process be had forthwith against all such as shall still refuse to comply with their duty as aforesaid; which proclamation his Honor is desired to cause to be published in the several news-papers within this State.

Whereas the third and part of the first regiments of light-horse have been ordered by this Assembly to march to the western part of this State under the command of Maj^{r} General Wooster who will be under necessity of some advance wages: Resolved by this Assembly, that twenty shillings be advanced to each one that shall so march, and General Wooster is hereby directed and impowered to draw on the Pay-Table for a sufficient sum for that purpose and pay out the same and render his account accordingly.

* This proclamation is in *Rev. War*, iv, 333, and printed in *Am. Archives*, 5th, ii, 1225.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That a Hospital shall be provided and maintained by this State for the reception and relief of such soldiers from this State as shall serve in the continental army and such of the militia from this State as may from time [to time] join said army during the present war; that said hospital shall be under the direction of a chief surgeon or director appointed by this State, and shall be furnished with skilfull surgeons, medicines and other necessaries; that the director or chief surgeon shall have the custody of the stores of medicines and other refreshments from time to time for the use and relief of the sick, who shall issue the same to the regimental surgeons as the necessities of their respective regiments may require.

And be it further resolved, That his Honor the Governor and his Council of Safety be authorized and directed with the advice of his Excellency the General, to provide such hospital, appoint surgeons and other proper officers, give orders for procuring proper medicines and refreshments and regulate the issuing the same from said hospital as they shall judge most likely to answer the good ends intended to to be obtained by this resolve.

And be it further resolved, That four hundred bed sacks, four hundred shirts, and four hundred blankets and eight hundred sheets, be immediately procured for the use of the sick in said hospital, which shall be delivered to the chief surgeon taking his receipt to be accountable for the same.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, Thaddeus Burr and John Davenport, Esq^{rs}, or any three of them, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to repair to the army under the command of General Washington and with the advice and assistance of the general officers belonging to this State now in said army to arrange into regiments and companies the officers appointed by this Assembly for the battalions to be raised in this State and number their commissions according to their proper rank in the army.

This Assembly taking into consideration the exposedness of the sea-port towns in the Colony by reason of the enemys coming into the sound and on our coast, and the danger of a surprize unless proper methods be taken to prevent it,

It is now resolved, That his Honor the Governor be desired and he is hereby desired forthwith to issue forth his orders to the chief commanders present of the second, third, fourth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and twentieth regiments of militia, to take especial care that the officers and soldiers belonging to said regiments are well equipped with arms and ammunition, and that they have suitable posts assigned them to repair to in case of an alarm, and that all necessary instructions be given to the captains and subalterns under their command, that the soldiers be thoroughly acquainted with the same, and that

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they take especial care to prevent being surprized unawares. And in case of the landing of an enemy in any of the towns on the sound or on the sea coast they are to give speedy notice thereof to the adjoining towns and to collect all the force they can and to use all possible means to repel and drive off the enemy, and from time to time acquaint his Honor the Governor of their proceedings.

Whereas it is of great necessity that the monies due from the continental treasury to this State should be obtained,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table do forthwith call upon the several commissaries to settle their several accounts, and said commissaries are hereby required to liquidate and settle the same with them accordingly; and also that said committee do adjust and allow the charges of disbursement and supplies made by Mr. Commissary Fitch to General Wooster's regiment while at New York and untill said regiment received continental supplies; and that they said committee do prepare an account of all disbursements made by this State for and on account of the united States and which ought to be paid by them equally; and that one of said committee do proceed to Philadelphia and lay the same before the Honble Continental Congress or their committee of claims and accounts and obtain a settlement thereof, as also a payment of all such sums of money as shall be justly due to this State from the continental treasury and see the same duly lodged with the Treasurer of this State.

I have this day voluntarily inlisted myself as a soldier in the army of the United States of America in the battalion ordered to be raised in the State of Connecticut to serve during the present war unless sooner discharged, and I do bind myself to conform in all instances to such rules and regulations as are or shall be established for the government of the said army. Witness my hand the day of 1776.

In the Lower House: The above form is approved and ordered to be transmitted &c.

Attest. BENJA. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

Concurr^{d} in the Upper House. *Test.* GEORGE WYLLYS *Secret^{y}.*

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that there are a number of persons in the western towns in the State inimical to the liberties of this and the other united States of America, who are forming dangerous insurrections and taking every method in their power to communicate intelligence to comfort, aid and assist the enemies of these united States and to distress the inhabitants of said towns and to bring on a general anarchy and confusion among them &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Abraham Davenport and Daniel Sherman Esq^{rs}, Thomas Fitch, Andrew Adams and Josiah Bissell,

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Esq^{rs}, be appointed a committee forthwith to repair to said western towns and to convene before them all such persons as shall be suspected to be inimical and dangerous to the rights and liberties of America in this critical and convulsed state of affairs when the ordinary mode of prosecution will not be adequate to the mischief apprehended. And all such persons as said committee upon enquiry shall judge to be dangerous or too suspicious consistent with the public safety to be suffered to remain in their present situation, said committee are hereby authorized and impowered to send such person or persons so deemed and adjudged dangerous as aforesaid under a proper guard to such place or places in this Colony as shall be thought best, there to remain and to be safe kept under the direction of his Honor the Governor and his Council of Safety for such time as the public security may require.

And it is further resolved, That his Honor the Governor be desired to direct Maj^{r} General Wooster to give all the aid and assistance with his troops in his power to said committee for carrying into execution the aforesaid resolve. Provided that in case any of said committee should be unable or fail to attend said business the residue or any three of them shall have power to proceed and execute the powers vested in said committee by this resolve.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the act passed this session for supporting the credit and currency of the bills of credit &c. be forthwith published in all the newspapers in this State, and the several printers are desired to insert the same accordingly.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Thomson, Esqr, to be Colonel of the second regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Colo. Jonathan Fitch, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Fenn, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the second regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Lieut. Colo. Jabez Thomson, Esqr, supposed to be deceas^{d}.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Russell, Esqr, to be Major of the second regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Major William Douglas, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Lattimer, Esqr, to be Colonel of the third regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Marshfield Parsons, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the third regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Samuel Holden Parsons, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Harriss Junr, Esqr, to be Major of the third regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Samuel Selden, Esqr, promoted and resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Lieut. Colo. Samuel Whiting to be Colonel of the fourth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Gold Selleck Silliman, Esqr, promoted.

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This Assembly do appoint Capt. Abraham Gould to be Lieutenant Colonel of the fourth regiment of Militia in this State, in the room of Ichabod Lewiss, Esqr, deceas^{d}.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Jonathan Dimon to be Major of the fourth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Agur Judson, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint John Tyler, Esqr, to be Colonel of the eighth regiment of militia in this State, instead of Samuel Coit, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Smith, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the eighth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Ebenezer Avery, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Gallop, Esqr, to be Major of the eighth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Oliver Smith, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Thaddeus Cook, Esqr, to be Colonel of the tenth regiment of militia in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Jeremiah Mason, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 12th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Obadiah Horsford, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Joel Jones, Esqr, to be Major of the 12th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Jeremiah Mason, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly appoints Increase Mosely Junr, Esqr, to be Colonel of the 13th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Colo. Benjamin Hinman resigned.

This Assembly appoints Samuel Canfield, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 13th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Colo. Mosely advanced.

This Assembly appoints Jethro Hatch, Esqr, to be Major of the thirteenth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Major Canfield advanced.

This Assembly do appoint John Chandler, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 16th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Philip Burr Bradley, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Nehemiah Beardsley, Esqr, to be Major of the 16th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of John Chandler, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Medad Hills, Esqr, to be Major of the 17th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Epaphras Sheldon, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Selah Heart, Esqr, to be Colonel of the 15th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Fisher Gay, Esqr, deceas^{d}.

This Assembly do appoint Noadiah Hooker Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 15th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Selah Hart, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Gad Stanley, Esqr, to be Major of the

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15th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Simeon Strong, Esqr, deceased.

This Assembly do appoint Abiel Pease, Esqr, to be Major of the 22^{d} regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Elijah Fenton, Esqr, deceased.

This Assembly do appoint Comfort Sage, Esqr, to be Colonel of the 23^{d} regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Mathew Talcott, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint John Penfield, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 23^{d} regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Comfort Sage, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Nathaniel Brown, Esqr, to be Major of the 23^{d} regiment of militia in this State, in the room of John Penfield, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Epaphras Sheldon, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 17th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Ebenezer Norton, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Humphry, Esqr, to be Colonel of the 18th regiment of militia in this State in the room of Jonathan Pettibone, Esqr, deceas^{d}.

This Assembly do appoint Seth Smith, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 18th regiment of militia, in the room of Jonathan Humphry, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Amos Wilcox, Esqr, to be Major of the 18th regiment, in the room of Seth Smith, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do establish Elihu Kent to be Captain of a company or trainband in the town of Suffield in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Potter to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Bartholomew to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jared Hill to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lawrence Clinton to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Beecher to be Captain of the 16th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Titus Peck to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joel Hotchkiss to be Ensign of the 16th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Osborn to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Newton to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Joseph Beecher to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Merrill to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the eighth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Bidwell to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Goodwin to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elihu Thomson to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the eighth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Grant Junr, to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Wells to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Christopher Morgan to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Groton in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Tobey to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Hamlin to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Conklin to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Garrett to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asa Stephens to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Downing to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dethick Hewet to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Frethias Wall to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Franklin Junr to be Ensign of a company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elnathan Nichols to be Lieutenant of the first troop of light horse in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Sherman to be Quarter Master of the first troop of light horse in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Serjeant to be Captain of the troop of horse in the town of Windham in the 4th regiment of light horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Stowell to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the town of Windham in the 4th regiment of light horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Canady to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the town of Windham in the 4th regiment of light horse in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Moses Woodward to be Quarter Master of the troop of horse in the town of Windham in the 4th regiment of light horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abijah Hide to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Noah Cande to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Perry to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ambrose Evants to be Ensign of a company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peter Curtiss to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Bull Junr, to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Gridley to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Anderson to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Green to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Hamlin to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asahel Hooker to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Hinman to be Captain of [the] 2d company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Porter to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Thorp to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Camp to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hart to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Charles Burrit to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Johnson 2d, to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Fenn to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Merriman to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ruluff Dutcher to be Captain of the second troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Bowland to be Lieutenant of the second troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light horse in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Lemuel Kingsbury to be Cornet of the second troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonas Lawrence to be Quarter Master of the 2d troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Blaksly to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asa Franciss to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Miles Johnson to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asahel Cooley to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Bartholomew to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Mix to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Warner to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Job Yale to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Thrall to be Ensign of the east company or trainband in Turkey Hills society in the town of Symsbury in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Curtiss to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Clark to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph P. Cook, Esqr, to be Judge of Probate for the district of Danbury untill the first day of June next, in the room of Thomas Benedict, Esqr, deceasd.

This Assembly do appoint Douglass Davidson Surveyor of Lands in the county of Westmoreland.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Marvin to be Surveyor of Lands for the county of Hartford.

This Assembly do appoint John Poole Surveyor of Lands for the county of Hartford.

Resolved, Thât Colo. Seymour, Mr. Bishop, Majr Hillhouse and Rufus Lathrop, Esqr, be a committee to procure a copy of the act passed relating to High Treason &c., also the copy of one other act relating to the Oath of Fidelity &c., and deliver the copies to the several printers in this State and procure the same to be published in the several newspapers.

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Whereas the listers in a number of towns in this State by means of the sudden call for the militia have not been able to compleat the lists in said towns, by means whereof inconvenience may arise: Which to prevent,

Resolved by this Assembly, That each of the towns in this State shall have and receive their school-money after the rate of forty shillings on every thousand pounds of all the additions of the polls and rateable estate that shall or may be brought into this Assembly in May next; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed to pay the same to said towns accordingly.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Denison, Esqr, to be Judge of Probate for the district of Westmoreland untill the first day of June next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw an order on the Treasurer for the sum of one hundred pounds, in favour of Thomas Fitch, Josiah Bissell and Andrew Adams, Esq^{rs}, a committee now appointed to go into the western towns of this State to enquire after and direct the removal of such persons as are inimical to this State, and render their account of the same.

Whereas Capt. John Veits of Symsbury hath resigned his trust of keeper of New Gate Prison in said Symsbury, and as there is need of another to be appointed in his stead: And whereas there is want of an addition to be made to the block-house over the said prison, and also a well to be dug there for the use of said prison:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the overseers of said prison be and they are hereby impowered and directed, to appoint a keeper to said prison from time to time as occasion shall require untill further order from this Assembly. And said overseers are further impowered to make such addition as is necessary to said block-house, and also to dig a well for the use aforesaid, using their prudence and discretion in doing the same, and to lay an account of the expences thereof before this Assembly at some future session for liquidation; and they are hereby allowed to draw the sum of £50. 0. 0., L. money, out of the Treasury of this State for the purpose aforesaid, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same to said overseers, taking their receipt to account therefor.

Whereas Lamberton Smith and others, inhabitants of the town of New Haven, have exhibited a memorial to this Assembly, representing Ralph Isaacs and Abiather Camp, both of New Haven aforesaid, as being guilty of a series of conduct which has evinced that they are unfriendly and inimical to the rights and liberties of this State and are dangerous to the said town of New Haven in particular and to the State in general; praying that they may be removed &c., as

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per memorial on file: Whereupon the parties have been heard at large with their witnesses and exhibits, and it is thereon adjudged by this Assembly that the said Isaacs and Camp are guilty as set forth in said memorial, and are dangerous to the State and ought to be removed,

Therefore it is resolved and ordered by this Assembly, That the said Ralph Isaacs and Abiather Camp be removed to the society of Eastbury in the town of Glastonbury, there to abide and remain within the limits of the said society of Eastbury, under the direction of the civil authority and selectmen of the town of Glastonbury, at their own cost and charge, untill further orders.

And it is further resolved and ordered, That if the said Isaacs or Camp shall receive any letter or letters from any person or persons, or shall send or convey any letter or letters to any person or persons whatsoever, they shall offer such letter or letters to some one of the said civil authority or selectmen to be by them read and inspected; and that if the said Isaacs or Camp shall escape out of the limits of the society of Eastbury, or otherwise transgress this order, it shall be the duty of all officers, civil and military, to detect or apprehend the offender or offenders and cause him or them to appear before some assistant or justice of the peace, who on proper evidence shall commit the offender or offenders to some prison within this State, there to remain at his or their own cost and charge till delivered by due order of law or by orders from his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety. But as the said Isaacs is at present infirm and unable to travail, it is further ordered that the execution of this resolve, as to him, shall be suspended untill the selectmen of New Haven aforesaid shall judge it prudent and safe to remove him; and that the sheriff of the county of New Haven is hereby directed to cause the same to be put in execution.

Upon the memorial of George Philips, ensign of the light infantry company of the twenty-third regiment of militia, and others of said company, complaining that Nathaniel Shayler of Midletown, captain of said company, in August last being duly ordered by Mathew Talcott, Esqr, colonel of said regiment, to muster his company and march with them to the assistance of the army under command of General Washington then at New York, and that he, said Shayler, wilfully disobeyed said orders &c., as per memorial on file: On which memorial said Capt. Shayler hath been arrested and brought before this Assembly and fully heard thereon,

Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, That said Capt. Nathaniel Shayler be and he is hereby cashiered of his said office and broke, and the commanding officer of said regiment is ordered to lead said company to the choice of a captain in the room of said Shayler.

And it is further resolved, That the said Nathaniel Shayler be and he is declared to be incapable of holding any office or place of trust

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under this State for the future, and that he pay the cost of prosecution. *Cost* £10. 4. 0. *Ex*^{n} *granted Jan*^{y} 1st, 1777.

Whereas upon the memorial of Mathew Talcott, Esqr, and others, preferred to this Assembly in May, 1772, praying that buoys and marks might be erected in Connecticut River pointing out the shoals and bars, so that the navigation in said river might be rendered more safe; and as it was resolved, that the memorialists have liberty to set up and carry on a lottery or lotteries amounting to such a sum as by drawing at least ten *per cent.* out of each prize the whole might raise the sum of three hundred and thirty-seven pounds, and the managers to be liable for the payment of the prize-tickets signed by them: the sum of three hundred pounds raised by said lottery to be paid into the hands of a committee or company that should thereafter be appointed for carrying said design into execution and thirty-seven pounds thereof to Capt. Abner Parker; and Mathew Talcot, Esqr, Richard Alsop and John Stocken, of Midletown, Samuel Olcott and John Chenevard of Hartford, and Ebenezer Plummer of Glastonbury, and Silas Dean of Weathersfield, were appointed managers of said lottery,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Doct^{r} John Dickinson and Colo. Thomas Belding be a committee to receive of said managers the sums raised by said lottery into their hands and the same safely keep in their hands untill further order from this Assembly, and report make to the next session of this Assembly or to the General Assembly in May next.

On information of the state, circumstances and doings of the north military company or trainband in the first society in Waterbury,

Resolved by this Assembly, That said company or trainband be and the same is hereby dissolved, and that the company aforesaid be and they are hereby annexed to the several companies or trainbands hereafter named, in the following manner, that is to say: those living within the following lines near adjoining to Farmingbury society be annexed to the company under the command of Capt. Beacher in said society of Farmingbury, beginning at Mr. Ebenezer Warner's house, including said house, from thence northwestward to the house of Amos Terrell, including said house, then northward the west side of Hugh Grilleps into the road that leads northward the west side of Ard Warner's house, then continuing northward in said road till it comes into the road that leads from Bucks Hill northward into Farmingbury society, then northward in said road to Farmingbury line; and Capt. Abraham Hickox and those living on his farm be annexed to the company now under the command of Capt. Nathaniel Barns in the society of Northbury; and Bela Brownson, Herman Munson, and Seba Bronson, and those living on their farms be annexed to the east company in the society of Westbury lately under the command of

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Capt. Michael Dayton late of Waterbury, deceas^{d}; and Seth Warner, Jacob Doud, and Daniel Brown, and those living on their farms be annexed to the west company in the society of said Westbury now under the command of Capt. Benjamin Richards; and the remainder of the said north company be annexed to the second company in the 10th regiment in the first society in said Waterbury.

Whereas it has been recommended by this Assembly that all able-bodied men within this State who are not included in any military company would form themselves into military companies and to proceed to choose their officers &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That whenever a sufficient number of able-bodied men shall form themselves into such companies and shall choose their officers agreeable to said recommendation and make a suitable return thereof to his Honor the Governor, his Honor the Governor by advice of his Council of Safety is hereby authorized and desired to commission them accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That it be recommended and it is hereby recommended to the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns situate on the sea-coast and sound immediately to set up a sufficient military watch and ward and to order sufficient centrys to be set in all proper places contiguous to the sea or elsewhere to make discovery of any attempt of the enemy to make a descent on any of said towns and to take especial care of all the watercraft belonging to any person or persons in their respective towns, which said craft shall be carefully inspected by said watch, especially in the night season, and that a copy of this resolve be forthwith sent to the several towns aforesaid.

This Assembly do appoint Increase Mosely, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Court for the county of Westmoreland untill the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Andrew Adams, Zebulon Butler, Nathan Denison and William Judd, Esq^{rs}, Justices of the Quorum of the county court for the county of Westmoreland untill the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Zebulon Butler, Nathan Denison, William Judd, John Jenkins, Uriah Chapman, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Westmoreland untill the first day of June next: their power and authority as justices of the peace for the county of Litchfield in the meantime to cease.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the county court in the county of Hartford by law to be held on the first Tuesday of November the current year be adjourned and the same is hereby adjourned to the second

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Tuesday of said November, and all persons concerned are to take notice thereof accordingly.

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Governor and Commander in Chief of the State of Connecticut in America,

To Esqr, Greeting:

Whereas you are appointed by the General Assembly of said State to be of the regiment of foot in said State, reposing special trust and confidence in your fidelity, courage, care and good conduct, I do by virtue of the laws of this State constitute and appoint you to be of said regiment. You are therefore to take said regiment into your care and charge as their , and carefully and diligently to discharge that care and trust in ordering and exercising them, both officers and soldiers, in arms according to the rules and discipline of war, keeping them in good order and government and commanding them to obey you as their for the service of this State; and they are commanded to obey you accordingly. And you are to conduct and lead forth the said regiment or such part of them as you shall from time to time receive orders from me or from the Governor of this State for the time being, to encounter, repel, pursue and destroy by force of arms and by all fitting ways and means, all the enemies of this State who shall at any time hereafter in a hostile manner attempt or enterprize the invasion, detriment or annoyance of this State. And you are to observe and obey such orders and instructions as from time to time you shall receive from me or other your superior officers pursuant the trust hereby reposed in you and the laws of this State.

Given under my hand and the seal of this State at this day of *Anno Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's command.

In the Lower House: The above form of a Commission is approved of.

Attest. BENJA. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

Concurr^{d} in the Upper House.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secret^{y}.*

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Connecticut in America,

To Gent., Greeting:

You being by the General Assembly of this State accepted to be Reposing special trust and confidence in your fidelity, courage, and good conduct, I do by virtue of the laws of this State me thereunto enabling, appoint and impower you to take the said into your care and charge as their , carefully and diligently to discharge that trust, exercising your inferior officers and soldiers in the use of their arms according to the discipline of war; keeping them in good order and government, and

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commanding them to obey you as their for the service of this State. And you are to observe all such orders and directions as from time to time you shall receive either from me or from other your superior officer pursuant to the trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my hand and the seal of this State in , the day of , *A. Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's Command.

In the Lower House: The above form of a commission is approved of.

Attest. BENJA. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

Concurr[d] in the Upper House. *Test.* GEORGE WYLLYS *Secret[y].*

It being represented to this Assembly that Colo. Ethan Allen together with about eighteen other natives or inhabitants of this State* having been captivated in the service of this and the United States of America by a party of armed forces of the King of Great Britain, near Montreal in the Province of Quebeck on the 25th of September, 1775, have suffered great hardships during their captivity and are now confined in a suffering condition promiscuously in a common goal at Halifax, and Mr. Levi Allen of Salisbury is now about to attempt a visit to his brother the said Ethan, by whom a supply may be transmitted to said prisoners to whom considerable wages are due:

Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be desired to write on the subject to his Excellency General Washington, the Continental Congress, or to the commanding officer at Boston, or each of them, earnestly requesting such seasonable and friendly interposition as may be necessary in the premises and most likely to procure a speedy exchange of said prisoners; and that the Pay-Table draw an order on the Treasurer of this State to pay out of the treasury to the said Levi Allen for the purpose aforesaid the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds, L. money, taking his receipt for the same, to be advanced and paid to the aforesaid prisoners on account of their wages due from the United States of America, and his account thereof to render when requested.

The Gentlemen nominated by the Votes of the Freemen to stand for Election in May next as sent in to the General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, A. D. 1776, are as follow, viz:

The Hon[ble] Jonathan Trumbull, Esq[r],	Richard Law, Esq[r],
The Hon[ble] Mathew Griswold, Esq[r],	William Williams, Esq[r],
Oliver Wolcott, Esq[r],	Jabez Hamlin, Esq[r],
Samuel Huntington, Esq[r],	Elisha Sheldon, Esq[r],

* Roger Moore, Salisbury; Peter Noble, made his escape at Cape Fear, Carolina; Levi Barnum, Norfolk; Barnabas Cone; Preston Denton; John Gray, Sharon; Zachariah Brinsmaid, Woodbury; William Drinkwater, New Milford; Jonathan Mahu, Goshen; Levi Munson, Wallingford; Sam[l] Lewis, Sharon. William Gray, do. David Goss, do.; Amos Green; Jn[o] James Burque; Ithuriel Flowers, Hartford; Charles Stewart, Stanford; Eben[r] Mack, Norfolk; Adonijah Muxum, Sharon; taken with Col. Allen and now with him in Halifax. *Rev. War*, iv, 396.

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Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Roger Sherman, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Joseph Spencer, Esqr,
Gen. Samuel Holden Parsons,
Mr. Titus Hosmer,
Colo. Erastus Wolcott,
Mr. Daniel Sherman,
Mr. Silas Dean,
Gen. James Wadsworth, Ju.

Upon the memorial of the civil authority and selectmen of the town of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that sundry things are necessary for the defence of said town; praying for relief, as per memorial on file,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the three twelve-pounders lately brought into said town remain there at the expence of this State, and that the charge of transporting the same be paid out of the treasury, liable to be removed by the Governor and Council of Safety, and that the company under Capt. Thomson remain where they are stationed, remain as a guard at Black Rock, and that the roof of the barrack now built be shingled and a chimney built, and that the militia of said town of New Haven hold themselves equipped and in constant readiness to defend said town and not be liable to be removed. And his Honor the Governor by the advice of his Council of Safety is impowered and directed to carry the aforesaid provisions into execution, and to make such further provision for the security of said town and the rest of the sea-coasts as they think proper and expedient.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Francis, administrator *cum testamento annexo* on the unadministered estate of Titus Tharp late of Wallingford, deceas^{d}, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas^{d} surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £66. 17. 1; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas^{d} as shall be sufficient to pay said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas^{d} as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £66.17.1, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

On the memorial of Elias Beckley, one of the administrators on the estate of John Beckley late of Weathersfield in the district of Hartford, deceas^{d}, for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of John Beckley of said Weathersfield as will raise the sum of £147.6.2½, to discharge the debts &c. due from said estate with necessary charges of sale &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and it is hereby granted, that he sell so much of said real estate as will procure said sum of £147.6.2½, L. money, to dis-

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charge said debts together with incident charges of sale; taking the advice of the court of probate in the district of Hartford.

Upon the memorial of Levina Pettibone, executrix to the last will and testament of Ithiel Pettibone late of Symsbury, deceas^{d}, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Symsbury against the estate of the said Ithiel Pettibone dec^{d}, with some small allowance made to the widow of said dec^{d}, surmounts the moveable part of said estate the sum of £32.10.4, L. money, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and she is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said dec^{d} as will raise said sum of £32.10.4, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Hezekiah Wadsworth of Farmington, praying for the appointment of a committee vested with full power to dispose of a certain indian right of land situate in said Farmington and purchased with the avails of said East Haven Right of Land, so called, or at least so much thereof as shall be found to belong to John Adams, an indian native removed with his family from said Farmington into the Mohawks country, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. John Strong, Mr. Elnathan Gridley and Mr. Timothy Root, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power and authority by sale to dispose of any propriety or proprieties of said right of land upon application of the proprietor or proprietors giving said committee satisfaction of his or their determination to leave this State, appropriating the avails of said land, so disposed of, to the sole use and benefit of him or them, and in his or their names to execute a deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers, and to do every other matter or thing necessary to render the conveyance valid in the law.

Upon the memorial of Noble Hinman of New London, shewing to this Assembly that a house of entertainment is wanted in that part of the town where he lives, and that he is solicited to by many to open such an house; praying for liberty, &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Noble Hinman hath liberty and the same is hereby granted to him, to keep a tavern or house of entertainment in said New London untill the sitting of the county court in the county of New London in June next: he giving bond as the law directs to the treasurer of the county of New London, to observe the law respecting tavern-keepers.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Bidwell, representing to this Assembly that in June last he agreed to supply this State with

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sulphur, provided such iron-work as was necessary for that purpose should be procured by said State, which iron-work could not be obtained, whereby he hath lost his time and been upon expence; praying for two years from the time he may receive the utensils to perform said contract, and proper allowance for his loss of time and expence, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the time of said contract be lengthened two years from this time, and that the Treasurer of this Colony pay to the memorialist the sum of thirty pounds three shillings for his loss of time and expence.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Stratford, shewing to this Assembly the exposed situation of said town from their enemies both foreign and domestick, that their distance from Long Island about twenty miles and that a large point of land lies between said town and the sound with a good shoar for landing, which gives the enemy great advantage to land a party and destroy the town &c., and that the fears of the people are greatly increased in their present alarming circumstances &c.; praying this Assembly to station a guard of twenty men in said town during the term of one month, under a proper officer &c., as appears per memorial on file, dated Novr 5th, 1776: Resolved by this Assembly, that the inhabitants of said Stratford shall have the liberty and privilege of raising by voluntary inlistment twenty able-bodied effective men, exclusive of their officers, and to be well armed and equipp^{d}, with one lieutenant, two sergeants and two corporals, and that Lieut. Ebenezer Coe of said town be appointed and directed immediately to inlist said soldiers and order and command them to their proper station and duty for the purpose aforesaid, not exceeding one month. And said officers and soldiers shall have their billett and pay while in said service as other officers and soldiers receive and be paid by this State.

Upon the memorial of the civil authority, selectmen and committee of inspection of the town of Norwalk, shewing to this Assembly the exposed situation of said town and the necessity of having some of the militia stationed there and the great difficulty of billeting troops there on account of the number of sick soldiers that are already sent to that and the town of Stanford and Greenwich; praying that the militia of said town of Norwalk may be stationed there for its defence &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Honor the Governor be desired and he is hereby desired, to give directions to Maj^{r} General Wooster to station a sufficient number of the militia under his command in the towns of Norwalk, Stanford and Greenwich, where he shall judge most needfull for the safety of those towns; and that the Maj^{r} General so order and direct the matter that the respective militias of said respective towns be respectively stationed in said several towns where they belong, so far as necessity and conveniency will admit.

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Upon the memorial of Alexander Thomson of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that before the superior court holden at Litchfield, Feby. 1774, he was convicted of manslaughter; praying that in future he may be exempted from the consequence of said conviction, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Alex^r Thomson be and he is hereby restored to the privilege of giving evidence in court, said conviction notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Tyler and Elizabeth Tyler, administrators on the estate of Lathrop Tyler late of Wallingford, dec^d, shewing that the debts now due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas^d the sum of £367. 8. 7; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas^d as shall be sufficient to discharge said sum: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have and liberty is hereby granted to them, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said dec^d as shall be sufficient to discharge the aforesaid sum due with the incident charges of sale arising thereon; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Coe of Torrington, administrator on the estate of Oliver Coe, deceas^d, shewing that the said Oliver was taken sick in the northern army last year and returned home and continued sick a long time whereof he died; that he expended large sums in his said sickness, to the amount of £14. 6. 0, and left but very little estate and a numerous family; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of the memorialist for said sum of £14. 6. 0, the amount of said expence.

Upon the memorial of Lois Maltrop of New Haven, administratrix upon the estate of Solomon Maltrop, dec^d, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas^d surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £40. 10. 0; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas^d as shall be sufficient to pay said sum; as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas^d as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £40. 10. 0, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Simeon Smith, administrator on the estate of William Walworth, late of Groton, deceas^d, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and accounts allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stoningtown against the estate of said Walworth, deceas^d, surmount the inventoried personal estate of said deceas^d the

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sum of £23. 11. 2, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas[d] as shall be sufficient to pay the same &c.; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Simeon Smith have liberty, and authority is hereby granted and given to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas[d] as shall raise a sum sufficient to pay the said sum of £23. 11. 2, L. money, together with the necessary charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stonington therein.

Upon the memorial of Jabez West of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that he was a sutler in the army and supplied the sick with sundry articles for their relief, to the amount of £70. 13. 6.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said account be and the same is hereby referred to the Committee of Pay-Table, who are hereby directed to examine, adjust and liquidate said account and to draw an order for such sum as they shall find due to the memorialist on the Treasurer nd charge the same to the United States of America.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Deming, administratrix on the estate of Waitstill Deming late of Weathersfield in the district of Hartford, deceas[d], shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges, with a small allowance of necessary moveables set to the widow of said deceas[d], surmount the moveable estate of said deceas[d] the sum of £35. 17. 2, L. money, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist with Mr. Aaron Porter have liberty, and liberty and authority is granted to the memorialist and the said Aaron Porter, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas[d] as will raise said sum of £35. 17. 2, L. money, with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of James Thurber of Pomfrett, shewing to this Assembly that on the 8th day of December, 1773, he for the consideration of ninety pounds, L. money, paid, purchased of Benjamin Payne, then of said Pomfrett, a certain piece of land lying in said Pomfrett and rec[d] a proper deed of release thereof from said Payne under his hand and seal of that date, which lands and part of buildings thereon standing are described in said deed as follows, *viz*: being the same tract or parcell of land that was set over to be the right of Thomas Payne son of Noah Payne late of Pomfret dec[d]; said tract of land contains about forty-eight acres with one-half of a dwelling-house and one-half of a barn thereon standing; and that said Benjamin soon after the giving said deed suddenly dyed not having acknowledged the same; and praying to this Assembly that said deed may be receiv[d] and recorded on the town records for deeds in said town of Pomfrett, and be received and allowed as evidence of a title to said land in him said memorialist as fully as if said deed had been

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acknowledged by said dec[d] in his lifetime &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said deed may be received and recorded on the town records for deeds in said town of Pomfrett and shall be received and allowed as evidence as fully as if said deed had been acknowledged by said deceased in his life time.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Gold, of Redding in the county of Fairfield, executor of the last will and testament of Daniel Gold late of said Redding, deceas[d], shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of said deceas[d] surmount the moveable estate of said deceas[d] the sum of £225. 12. 4, L. money, for the payment of which no provision is made by the testator; praying for liberty to make sale of real estate &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas[d] as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £225. 12. 4 with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the advice and direction of said court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Caleb Atwater, of Wallingford in New Haven county, representing to this Assembly that he has been at great expence in erecting works for the manufacturing salt-petre, and that he has long carried on that business, and that being an ensign in the 10th regiment of militia in Connecticut he is now ordered to join said regiment and march with them for the defence of the Colony &c.; praying that he may be released from said service, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Caleb Atwater be released and freed from marching with said regiment in their present service.

Upon the memorial of Eliphalet Beecher of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he expended large sums during last war in purchasing and procuring teams for the use of the army, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist receive on account of his disbursements mentioned, out of the treasury the sum of twenty pounds, lawfull money, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jabez Brainerd and others, shewing to this Assembly the necessity of a house of public entertainment on the road between the towns of Haddam and Durham, and praying that Nathan Smith of said Haddam may be authorized for that purpose: This Assembly doth appoint the said Nathan Smith to keep a house of public entertainment untill he or some other suitable person may be by law appointed for the purpose aforesaid: the said Smith giving sufficient bonds to the treasurer of the county of Hartford for a due performance of the same.

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Upon the memorial of Isaac Ray, of Haddam in the county of Hartford, administrator on the estate of Joseph Ray of said Haddam, deceas^{d}, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. due from the estate of said deceas^{d} and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Midletown, with some allowance to the widow of said deceas^{d}, surmount the inventoried estate of said dec^{d} the sum of £14 13 2, L. money; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas^{d} as will raise the aforesaid sum with incident charges of sale; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas^{d} as shall be sufficient to raise the sum of £14 13 2, lawfull money, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Chaffee of Woodstock, shewing to this Assembly that on the 10th day of May, 1776, he purchased of Ebenezer Smith jun^{r}, Esqr, then of said Woodstock, a piece of land therein and received a proper deed thereof of that date in and by which said land is described in the words following, *viz:* One certain tract or parcell of land in said Woodstock called the Old Orchard, near the dwelling-house of the said Chaffee, containing by estimation two acres be the same more or less, and bounds north and east on highways and south and west upon land of the late farm of Samuel Howlet; and paid to said Smith the sum of £12 10 0, L. money, for said land, and said Smith soon after died not having acknowledged said deed, whereby the same is not recorded; and praying that the said deed may now be recorded in the records of deeds for said Woodstock, &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said deed from said deceas^{d} to the said Chaffee of the abovesaid land may together with this resolve be recorded in the records of deeds in and for said town of Woodstock and shall be receiv^{d} and treated as evidence of a title to said land in the said Chaffee as fully as if said deed had been acknowledged by said deceas^{d} in his life time.

Upon the memorial of James Willson of Boston,* shewing to this Assembly that he was wounded while employed in the public service; praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Willson receive the sum of three pounds, L. money, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Thaddeus Cook, Gideon Horsford, Andrew Andrews and Timothy Hall, selectmen of the town of Wallingford, representing that the civil authority and selectmen of said town hav-

* He was boatswain on board the continental brig *Betsy*, taken by the *Kingfisher* in the fall of 1775. *Rev. War*, v, 24.

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ing taken under their care Elijah Hotchkiss of said town, who by idleness &c. was likely to be reduced to want, and him and his family have disposed of according to law, and that the debts now due from said Hotchkiss amount to the sum of fifty pounds, and that he hath real estate sufficient for the payment of said sums; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said Hotchkiss as shall be sufficient to pay said sum, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, to sell so much of the real estate of said Hotchkiss as shall be sufficient to pay the sum of £50 0 0, L., money, together with the incident charges of such sale, which sum of £50 0 0, so to be raised out of the estate of said Hotchkiss, shall be improved for the payment of said debts.

Upon the memorial of Gideon Hubbell of Fairfield, executor of the last will and testament of Ezekiel Sanford late of Fairfield, deceas^{d}, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of said deceas^{d}, with an allowance to the widow of said deceas^{d} for necessaries, surmount the moveable estate of said deceas^{d} the sum of £34 7 5; praying that some meet person may be impowered to make sale of real estate &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas^{d} as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £34 7 5, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Eunice Curtiss, of Stratford in the county of Fairfield, executrix upon the last will and testament of Nathan Curtiss late of Stratford, deceas^{d}, representing to this Assembly that the debts exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of the aforesaid Nathan Curtiss surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said dec^{d} the sum of £103 8 0, to pay which she, the memorialist, hath nothing in her hands; praying this Assembly to authorize and impower her to sell so much of the real estate of aforesaid deceas^{d} as shall be sufficient to pay the aforesaid sum of £103 8 0, together with the incidental charges arising upon said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and she is hereby authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas^{d} as shall be sufficient to pay and satisfy the afores^{d} sum of £103 8 0, together with the incidental charges arising upon the sale of said estate; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield in the premises.

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Upon the memorial of Nathan Dennison, Esqr, and the rest of the inhabitants of the district of Kingston in the county of Westmoreland, praying that said district may be constituted a distinct ecclesiastical society, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that that tract of land situate on the west side of Susquehannah River bounded east on said Susquehannah River, south on the district of Plimouth, north on the district of Exeter, and west on the wilderness, containing twenty-five square miles, be and the inhabitants living within said limits are constituted a distinct ecclesiastical society, with all the powers, privileges and immunities which other ecclesiastical societies by law enjoy; and said society shall be called and known by the name of the Society of Kingston.

Upon the memorial of Gideon Ray of Voluntown and Mary Palmer of Stonington, administratrix on the estate of William Palmer 4th, late of Stonington, deceas^{d}, shewing to this Assembly that said William in his life time agreed with said Ray to sell to him a tract of land containing one hundred acres be the same more or less, lying in said Voluntown, being all that part of the real estate of Jonathan Palmer late of Voluntown, dec^{d}, which was given to the said William in the last will and testament of said Jonathan, deceas^{d}; that said William and Gideon in fact drew the deed and other writings necessary to compleat said bargain and sale but for want of a justice of peace in the vicinity to take the acknowledgment of said deed the same was delayed, soon after which the said William Palmer in the month of August, 1775, was taken sick and dyed, and that the circumstances of the widow and family of said William deceas^{d} are such as require the said bargain and sale to be compleated; praying for liberty and authority to be granted to said administratrix to execute a deed of said land to said Ray agreeable to said bargain made by said William &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Mary Palmer, administratrix on the estate of said William deceas^{d} hath liberty, and authority is hereby granted to her, to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver a deed of said land to said Ray, and to receive the pay for said land as the estate of said William dec^{d}, and to be accountable therefor as such, taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Stonington therein; and such deed so executed and deliver^{d} to said Ray and duly recorded shall be as good evidence of a title to the same in said Ray, his heirs &c., as though such deed had been executed in the same manner by said William in his life time.

Upon the memorial of the town of Kent in the county of Litchfield, praying for liberty that for the future the inhabitants of said town make, mend and maintain their highways by a town rate, and that it be passed into a law the better to enable said town to maintain their own highways as said town shall agree, and that the inhabitants of

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said town be excused from working at highways in the usual method; as per memorial on file,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the said town of Kent have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town, to tax the poles and rateable estate of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways in said town, which tax shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town and be by such surveyors laid out and improved for the repairing highways in each district in said town; and said town is hereby impowered, by the selectmen or a committee chosen annually or from time to time as occasion shall require, to divide the highways in said town into districts and to assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highways to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the money so raised by said town according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained; and any assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such surveyors to levy and collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their respective districts, in the same manner and form as other town taxes are collected; and every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money by him so collected to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereto required after the same becomes payable to said collectors; and all surplus of such money as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors or any of them after such highways are sufficiently repaired shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being, and by him and his successors in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the purpose of repairing highways for the then current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be divided.

And it is further resolved, That this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Kent during the pleasure of this Assembly.

The Sums Total of the Lists of the Polls and Rateable Estate of the several Towns in this State for the Year 1776, as returned to this Assembly.

Hartford,	£41357	5*s.*	6*d.*	Fairfield,	£44764	6*s.*	10*d.*
Weathersfield,	30607	19	3	Norwalk,	38621	2	5
East Windsor,	27600	0	0	Danbury,	27312	14	9
Colchester,	30698	2	0	Newtown,	21937	0	2
Windsor,	23182	8	10	Ridgfield,	14876	13	8
Tolland,	11350	14	2	Redding,	12770	14	0
Glastonbury,	19001	0	0	New Fairfield,	12713	5	0
Chatham,	20654	13	0	Stratford,	49900	0	0
Stafford,	11179	5	6	Greenwich,	19565	10	3
Haddam,	13575	13	0	Stamford,			

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Bolton,	£08641	5s.	0d.	Windham,	£29375	9s.	9d.
Hebron,	23500	0	0	Lebanon,	38387	12	0
Infield,	10550	0	0	Canterbury,	21216	14	9
Willington,	8197	15	3	Plainfield,	12175	3	0
Suffield,	18841	18	0	Pomfret,	23174	8	0
Summers,	8500	0	0	Mansfield,	21384	16	9
East Haddam,	23153	8	0	Coventry,	19105	4	0
Farmington,	64100	11	4	Ashford,	17348	12	6
Symsbury,	34000	0	0	Killingley,	26904	5	6
Midletown,	39700	0	0	Voluntown,	12930	1	0
New Haven,	60252	4	9	Woodstock,	20742	10	0
Wallingford,	43093	12	7	Litchfield,	25308	6	0
Waterbury,	37756	3	6	Woodbury,	57350	0	0
Guilford,	34165	6	5	New Milford,	28501	5	3
Branford,	22951	13	3	Salisbury,	16971	18	0
Milford,	27975	18	10	Goshen,	11158	18	6
Derby,	18138	6	9	Westmoreland,	16996	13	0
Durham,	12801	15	4	Torrington,	8854	16	0
New London,	27667	18	0	Sharon,	15936	10	0
Norwich,	60756	5	7	Cornwall,	9400	0	0
Stonington,	35449	6	9	Kent,	15829	7	6
Groton,	22860	1	3	New Hartford,	9892	15	3
Preston,	22767	4	6	Norfolk,	8756	3	0
Lyme,	25867	6	9	Hartland,	5421	10	0
Saybrook,	24731	14	0	Harwington,	8636	19	0
Killingworth,	19645	19	2	Canaan,	15163	3	0

Upon the memorial of Rufus Lathrop and the rest of the Committee of Inspection for the town of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that the cargo of molasses imported in the brig *Nancy*, lately belonging to Joshua Winslow late of Boston, deceas[d], is still in their hands; praying for more explicit directions for the disposal thereof than was given to them in a resolve of this Assembly in June last; as per memorial on file.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Rufus Lathrop, Esq[r], Capt. Jabez Perkins and Mr. Dudley Woodbridge of Norwich, be and they are hereby appointed a committee under oath to apprize said cargo and take a true inventory thereof and of the sales of said brig and appurtenances which have been sold and to call to account and make a full settlement with all such persons as have had the care of said brig and cargo or now have the same or any part or avails thereof in their hands and receive the same and lay a true stating thereof before this Assembly at their next session for approbation; and said Lathrop, Perkins and Woodbridge, are hereby directed to deliver said cargo together with an invoice of what they deliver and charges thereon to the commissaries of supplies and refreshments for the Connecticut troops, agreeable to the orders of his Honor the Governor and Coun-

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cil of Safety, taking receipts therefor; and the avails of said brig and appurtenances shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of this Colony, and said inventory and receipt be lodged in the hands of the Secretary and duplicates or copies of said receipts shall be lodged with the Committee of Pay-Table; and the whole amount of proceeds of said vessell and cargo shall be held to be responded by the Treasurer in the same manner as was ordered by this Assembly in their said resolve in June last.

To the Honble General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut now sitting at New Haven:

The Committee of Inspection for the town of Woodbury beg leave to represent to your Honors, that the Committee of Safety for the State of New York on the 21st instant sent nine prisoners, who were sailors except a child, and taken at Staten Island sometime last summer, to this committee. The said prisoners from the time of their first being captivated untill this time were stationed at Pound Ridge in West Chester county, which place the said Committee of Safety apprehend was not safe for them to reside in any longer as the enemy are within a few miles of that place. This committee were and still are in doubt whether said Committee of Safety was authorized and impowered by the resolves of the Honble Continental Congress to send said prisoners into this State, and whether this committee are impowered by said resolves to provide for them. Yet nevertheless, considering the extraordinary circumstances attending the case and the apparent necessity of the said prisoners being removed from that place, this committee did receive said prisoners and have made provision for them for the present and have appointed Colo. Increase Mosely to superintend their conduct untill we can receive particular instructions and directions from your Honors relating to the whole of said matters, which we humbly request. The said prisoners are so destitute of cloathing that it seems impossible they can subsist through the ensuing winter unless they are provided for by the public, as it is not probable they can provide for themselves at this season of the year by their labour. All which is submitted to your Honors by your Honors most obed^t humble serv^ts.

In the behalf and by order of the Com^tee,

EDWARD HINMAN, *Chairman.*

Dated Woodbury, Octob^r 22^d, 1776.

The names of the within mentioned prisoners are, James Willson, John Murray, Samuel Coppin, Jeremiah Rierdon, Henry Killigrove, Michael Couney, Cesar Freeman, William Patterson and his daughter Mary Ann Patterson. Certifyed per Increase Mosely Ju., Clerk.

Upon the within representation made by the Committee of Inspection in the town of Woodbury: Resolved by this Assembly, that said committee do safely keep and afford comfortable support to said prisoners to the amount of the sum allowed by Congress, where said com-

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mittee shall judge their own earnings not sufficient for that purpose, untill they may receive further proper order respecting said prisoners.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the stile of the public records of this State for the future, including the present sessions, be as follows, *viz.: At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of Connecticut in New England in America*, instead of the former stile made use of.

Whereas the state of public affairs is such that this Assembly cannot attend to the hearing of private business between party and party: Resolved by this Assembly, that all petitions and memorials between party and party depending before this Assembly be referred for the further consideration to the General Assembly to be holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of May next, and that all committees heretofore appointed on any of said petitions and memorials have power and are directed to hear, examine and report, to said May Assembly, and also that all protections of persons and estates from attachments, arrest and imprisonment granted on any of said petitions and memorials shall be continued and remain in full force till the rising of said Assembly in May next.

This Assembly do grant to his Honor the Governor one hundred and fifty pounds, for the last half of his sallary the current year, and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same accordingly.

This Assembly do grant to his Honor the Deputy Governor fifty pounds, for the last half of his salary the current year, and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same accordingly.

This Assembly was adjourned by Proclamation until the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Test, GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret^y.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT NEW HAVEN OCTOBER 11TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliph[t] Dyer, Titus Hosmer, Jabez Huntington, Wm Hillhouse, Benj. Huntington, } Esq[rs].

A consultation was had concerning the Expedition of Colonels Richmond and Livingston to Long Island, and a mode of preparation adopted, which his Honor the Governor took in hand to give the necessary orders &c. with all possible secrecy; and Mr. Shaw was sent home with orders to forward said expedition as fast as possible.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, N. HAVEN, OCTOBER 21ST, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliph[t] Dyer, Titus Hosmer, Jabez Huntington, Wm Hillhouse, Rich[d] Law, Benj. Huntington, } Esq[rs].

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for four hundred pounds, L. money, in favour of Col. Joshua Porter, to enable him to carry on the Cannon Foundery, and to be in account *Order drawn the 21st Oct[r], 1776. Delivered to Col. Porter.*

Voted and resolved, To direct Col. Joshua Porter, and he is hereby directed, to borrow forty bushels of salt on the credit of this State, for the use of the Cannon Foundery under his care; and the same shall be replaced by the State to any gentleman who shall lend him the same on credit of this resolve. *Copy delivered to Col. Porter Octo. 21st, 1776.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY OCTO. 22D, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.
Eliph[t] Dyer, Titus Hosmer, Jabez Huntington, Wm Hillhouse, Rich[d] Law, Benj. Huntington.

Voted, To allow Mr. Adam Babcock & Co., to export sixty barrels of salt beef to Rhode Island, for the use of their privateer.

Voted, To sell to Mr. Adam Babcock & Co. two of the cannon and carriages taken on board the ship *Guinea Man* and brought in by Capt. Harding to New London.

Voted, To desire Mr. Hosmer to give orders to Mr. Buell for 40 fire-arms to be delivered to Capt. Wm. Coit for the use of the ship *Oliver Cromwell.*

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* Letters of Gov. Trumbull on this subject are printed in 5th *Am. Archives*, ii.

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Voted, To appoint an Ensign and give him orders to inlist 20 men without premium and at 40*s*. wages per month, to be for the defence of this and the United States of America, and to man the fort at Milford Harbour untill further orders, and to serve untill the 25th day of December next unless sooner discharged. And Capt. Benj. Hine is appointed an Ensign for said service with the pay of an ensign.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY OCTOBER 23D, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Richd Law,	Benj. Huntington,	

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for four hundred pounds in favor of Mr. James Tilly, for cordage, and to be in account. *Order drawn Octo^{r} 23^{d}, 1776. D^{d} to Mr. N. Shaw.*

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for £200. 0. 0. Favor of Capt. Uriah Hayden, towards his building the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, and to be in account. *Order drawn Octo^{r} 23^{d}, 1776. D^{d} to Capt. Williams.*

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for £75. 0. 0, in favor of Capt. Benj. Williams, towards Iron Work for the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, and to be in account. *Order drawn Octo^{r} 23^{d}, 1776. D^{d} to Capt. Williams.*

Voted, That Mr. Levi Young be and he is hereby appointed Master of the ship *Oliver Cromwell;* and his Honor the Governor is desired to grant him a warrant to exercise the said office accordingly.

Voted, To order Capt. Harding with the brig *Defence* to sail on a cruise against the enemies of these States for about two months.

Voted, That Capt. Wm. Coit with the ship *Oliver Cromwell* under his command be ordered on a cruise of about two months. *Orders given Octr 23^{d}, 1776.*

Voted, Give orders to Mr. Nath^{ll} Shaw jun^{r}, to supply the ship *Oliver Cromwell* and the brig *Defence* with suitable stores of every kind for a cruise of two months each. *Orders given Octo^{r} 23^{d}, 1776.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY OCTO^{R} 26TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Richd Law,	Benj. Huntington.	

Voted, To desire his Honor the Governor to grant permit to Capt. Elizur Goodrich of Weathersfield, to export in the sloop *Betsey*, said Goodrich master, to Marygallant * the following articles, (*viz:*) 80 barrels of beef, 25 barrels of flour, 15 barrels of pork, six oxen, and sixty dozen of poultry, and to make returns in salt.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table in favor of Capt. Joseph Thomson for the sum of three hundred pounds, towards the billeting and wages of the

* Marie-Galante, one of the French W. I. islands.

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company under his command, and to be in account. *Order drawn Octo^r 26th, 1776. D^d to Capt. Jo. Thomson.*

Voted, That Col. Jon^th Fitch be directed for the future to supply the troops under the command of Capt. Jo. Thomson in New Haven with provisions, agreeable to orders heretofore given. *Copy d^d to Capt. Thomson Octo^r 26th, 1776.*

Mr. Wm. Greenough, of New Haven, exhibited his account against this State, for service done, being £33. 12. 0, which is allowed and an order directed to be drawn on the Pay-Table for the same. *Order drawn Octo^r 26th, 1776. D^d to*

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety Octo^r 30th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
[His] Honor the D. Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq^rs.
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Richd Law,	Benj. Huntington,	

Voted, To accept Jonathan Curtis to be Captain, Timothy Pond Lieutenant, and Samuel Scovill Ensign, of a company of inhabitants in Northbury in Waterbury embodied in pursuance of a late resolve of the General Assembly; and his Honor the Governor is desired to grant them commissions accordingly.

Voted, To accept and establish Caleb Jewet Captain, Robert Steadman Lieutenant, and Joseph Lord Ensign of a company of inhabitants in Sharon embodied in pursuance of a late resolve of the General Assembly; and his Honor the Governor is desired to grant them commissions accordingly.

Voted, That Capt. John McCleave and his crew lately belonging to the galley *Whiting* be dismissed as on Saturday; and they are accordingly dismissed as at that time.*

Voted, To approbate an order given by his Honor the Governor on the Pay-Table in favor of Capt. Sam^ll Squire for £500. as Commissary.

Voted, To approbate an order drawn by the Governor on the Pay-Table in favor of Capt. John Cotton, for £50. 0. 0, for the Fort at Saybrook.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety Novr 4th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,	Wm Hillhouse,	Esq^rs.
Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,	

Andrew Martin was returned as being chosen Captain, Enos Hawley Lieutenant, and Nathan Chapman Ensign of a company of householders and able-bodied men ready to march to join the regiment in whose limits they dwell, which [is] Woodbury &c.

Voted, To sell twenty-five tons of pig iron belonging to this State to Col. Aaron Elliot, at the price of £7. 10. 0. per ton at the furnace at Salisbury, provided the same can be done without interfering with the cannon and shot foundery: said Eliot engaging to manufacture the same into steel and to dis-

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* *Am. Archives*, 5th, ii, 1121-2.

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pose thereof at a reasonable price, in proportion to the cost of the pigs, to the inhabitants of this State for their own use and consumption; and Col. Joshua Porter is hereby directed to deliver the same to said Eliot and take the pay therefor and render his account.

Voted, To supply Messrs. Sam^ll Bird, Arthur Jarvis, John Lathrop and Pierpoint Edwards with 10 cannon, 4-pounders, and twelve swivels.*

Voted, To supply Stephen Thorp, Abel Gold and associates with 12 cannon, 4-pounders, 8 small swivels, half a ton of round shot, and one hundred weight of grape-shot, as also to exchange with them eight hundred weight of powder at Mr. Doolittle's works at 5*s*. 4 per pound, for good and well refined salt-peter at the stated price. *D^d the order for powder to Col. Jon^th Fitch Novr 7th, 1776.*

Voted, To deliver to Isaac Miles and company 12 cannon, 4-pounders, and 12 swivels, with shot answerable.

Voted, To supply Andrew Rowland, Samuel Broom and company with 8 three-pounders double fortified, 8 swivels, 5 hundred weight of gun-powder at 5*s*. 4 per hundred weight, 240 round shot and one hundred weight of grape-shot 2 ounces each. *Order for powder d^d to Col. Jon^th Fitch Novr 7th, 1776.*

Voted, To supply Jonathan Osborn, Farrington and Putnam with 4 nine-pounders, six six-pounders, and six three-pounders, and two cohorns.

Voted, To supply Luther Stoddard and company with 4 six-pounders, 10 four-pounders and 12 swivels. *Order on the foregoing vote d^d to Capt. Isaac Miles Novr 7th, 1776.*

Voted, To supply Messrs. Lyon and company with ten swivels previous to any of the foregoing guns granted, and the rest are to be supplied in the order in which they are entered here.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY Novr 6th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.
Eliph^t Dyer, Titus Hosmer, Jabez Huntington, Wm Hillhouse, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Capt. John McCleave exhibited an account against this State of £428. 9. 5, which is allowed, for wages and billeting and other expence of the men &c. on board the row-galley *Whiting* lately under his command; and voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the same. *Order drawn Novr 7th, 1776, d^d to Capt. John McCleave.*

Voted, To give order to Col. Wm. Pitkin to deliver what powder he has in his hands belonging to this State to the care of John Lawrence, Esqr, Treasurer, who is hereby directed to receive the same and store and guard it in some secure place at his discretion. *Copy given Novr 6th, 1776, to Col. Pitkin.*

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for one thousand pounds in favour of Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey of Middletown, to enable him to purchase cloathing for this State for the use of the troops, and to render his account. *Order drawn Novr 6th, 1776, d^d to Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey of Middletown.*

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* Their application for the guns, to be used on a privateer, is printed in 5th *Am. Archives*, ii, 965.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY Novr 7th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.
Eliph^t Dyer, Titus Hosmer,
Jz. Huntington. Benj. Huntington.

Voted, To join with the Commissary General to enter into a partnership with him for importing one hundred thousand bushells of salt; and that the writings for the same be prepared accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY NOVEMBER 13, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Eliphalet Dyer, Samuel Huntington, } Esquires.
Jabez Huntington. Jedidiah Elderkin, } Esquires.
and Nathl Wales jr. } Esquires.

Advised on sundry matters and adjourned to the 14th inst.

Nov. 14th. Met according to adjournment.

Present: The same as yesterday with addition of Benj. Huntington and William Hillhouse, Esq^rs.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of the Pay-Table for twenty-four pounds ten shillings in favor of William Wheler, for his service and expence as commissary at the north end of Lake George *anno* 1775. His account is as follows, (*viz:*)

Dr. State of Connecticut to William Wheeler in capacity of Commissary at the North End of Lake George by order of Col. Benj. Hinman, by Warrant dated 3d July, 1775.

To 5 months and $\frac{2}{3}$ in that service at £6 p^r mo.	£34	0	0
Supra is Cr.			
By pay as a soldier rec^d from Capt. Nath^ll Buell on his pay-roll 4 months and $\frac{2}{3}$	9	10	0
	24	10	0

Order drawn Novr 14th, 1776. d^d to Mr. Wm. Wheeler. The above order to be charged in acc^t against the United States of America, for the regiment commanded by Col. Hinman for said service.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for £15 6 5, in favor of Lt. John Beedle, for expence of the guard under his command in bringing a number of tories from Stanford to this place and time. *Order drawn 14th Novr. D^d to Lt. Beedle.*

Thomas Mumford, Esqr. exhibited an account of some small arms and three bolts of duck. to amount of £38 14 0, which is allowed; and voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the same, it being £20 14 0 for the guns and bayonets, and £18 for the duck. *Order d^d to Tho. Mumford, Esqr, Novr. 14th, 1776.*

Memorandum. To rectify the mistake about 14 six-pounder cannon for Mr. Thomas Mumford, which ought to have been thought of some time passd.

Voted and resolved, That the Committee of Inspection of the town of Lebanon be and they are hereby directed and authorized to take the care and

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custody of the prisoners sent here under guard from Stanford, as being persons dangerous to the State. and to dispose of and govern them in the best manner they can as their prudence shall direct, until further orders from the General Assembly or the Governor and his Council aforesaid.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, Novr 15th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer, Nath. Wales jun^{r}, Jed^{h} Elderkin, Benj. Huntington, Wm Hillhouse, } Esq^{rs}.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table in favor of Capt. Wm Coit for the sum of one thousand pounds, for the use of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, and to be in account. *Order d^{d} to Wm Coit Novr. 15th, 1776.*

On application of the Committee of Inspection of the town of Preston in behalf of sundry prisoners from the State of New York committed to their charge, representing that those prisoners are destitute of cloathing and other necessaries for the approaching season: Voted and resolved, that Alexander Campbell, William Pemberton and Thomas Swords be permitted to pass from Preston to their respective homes under the care and inspection of any two of said committee who shall be agreed upon to attend them on their journey and back again at the expence of said Campbell, Pemberton and Swords: they giving their parole faithfully to return again with said attendants to Preston on their request unless released from their confinement by order of the same authority that sent them here; and also not to do or say anything against the United States of America. And it is further resolved, that Walter Scott, Sam^{ll} S. Gardinier, Henry Westonhausen, John Duzenbury, Owen Conner, Benj. Greenman, and Jacob Timmerman, also have liberty, at their own expence, to return to their families for the purpose of gaining some sustenance: they first giving their parole to wait on the authority that sent them here for further orders concerning them, and faithfully to return back to Preston within six weeks from this time, unless released by the same authority that ordered their confinement; and also not to do or say anything against the United States of America during the present war. Not to proceed till the 25th of Novr instant, to attend on the Governor in their journey, that if anything happens in the meantime these orders may be revoked and they returned again to Preston. *Copy given to Benj. Coit Esqr.*

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table in favor of Dr. Joshua Elderkin for one thousand pounds, to enable him to purchase cloathing &c. for this State, and render his account. *Order drawn Novr 15th, 1776, d^{d} to Mr. Wales.*

Voted, An approbation of an order drawn by his Honor the Governor Novr 9th, 1776, in favor of Capt. John Deshon on the Pay-Table for £2000, and to render his account.

Voted, An approbation of an order drawn by his Honor the Governor Novr 9th, 1776, for £2000, in favor of Mr Nath^{ll} Shaw jun^{r}, for publick use, and to render his account. Said order was on the Pay-Table.

Voted, To approve of an order drawn by his Honor the Governor Novr 11th, 1776, on Messrs. Elderkin and Wales, in favor of Mr. Nathan Pendleton for 50 *lb.* of powder at 5*s.* 4 per *lb.*

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It being represented to this Board that Mr. John Rapalje, in confinement at Norwich, is destitute of cloathing and necessaries for his support for the approaching season, and that he is desirous of returning to his family to gain the same, as also that he has it in his power to furnish some Connecticut soldiers imprisoned at N. York with cash upon their drawing in his favor on their friends &c. here, provided he could be suffered to visit his family and estate on Long Island which he wishes to do:

Voted and resolved, That the said Rapalje hath liberty to return to his family on Long Island for the purpose above mentioned, and to remove from thence such of his family as he desires to the town of Norwich to reside with him: he giving his parole of honor for his faithful return to the Committee of [Inspection] as soon as he can within six weeks from the time he goes from Norwich, and that he will not do or say any thing against the United States of America, or give intelligence or advice concerning the affairs or matters of said States during his absence from Norwich; and he is desired to supply Col. Sam^{ll} Selden, Capt. Jonathan Brewster, Lt. Nath^{ll} Gove, Serj^{t} Roger Coit, Lt. Jabez Fitch, and such other prisoners from this State as he can with cash &c., upon their friends or some other persons undertaking to answer their bills for the same. He hath also liberty to procure and bring to Judge Jones and others with him in Norwich such supplies of cloathing and sustenance as they want.

Voted, To give liberty to the Committee of Inspection in Norwich to suffer two prisoners residing at Capt. Elijah Backus's to go on their own expence to their respective homes in the State of New York to obtain supplies for their support for the ensuing winter, upon their giving their parole to said committee not to do or say anything against the United States of America during the present war, and that they will not give the enemy any intelligence or advice concerning the affairs of said States or any of them, and that they will return again to the care of the committee of Norwich within six weeks from this time, unless suffered to remain at home by the same authority who first sent them here.

Voted, To give orders to Col. Jed^{h} Elderkin and Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, to go to New London and to do everything in their power to send out the ship *Oliver Cromwell* on a cruise, and make report &c. *Order given Novr 15th, 1776.*

Voted and resolved, To appoint Jed^{h} Elderkin and Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, to examine into the truth of a representation that Capt. Kennedy of a ship loaded out from New York with wheat, bound to France, is manned with captives and prisoners taken by privateers, and that said Captain Kennedy is of a suspected character and it is supposed that the said ship and cargo will in all probability fall into the hands of the enemy. Said Elderkin and Wales to take such affidavits and other evidence as they think proper and material, and make report to the Governor and Council of Safety with all convenient speed. *Order given for the above purpose Novr 15th, 1776.*

Voted, To give orders to Mr. Brown of Providence to deliver to Messrs. Elderkin and Wales what sulphur they shall want now in his care, belonging to the continent, agreeable to the resolve of Congress of the 15th of Octo^{r}, in that behalf.

Voted, To give order for a quantity of cheese &c. in the hands of Nathan Steadman, said to be ingrossed, and to be held to be proceeded with according to the law against engrossing. *Warrant given Novr 15th, 1776, directed to the sheriff of N. London county.*

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Dr. Samu[l] Lee of Windham is appointed Surgeon of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*. And his two apprentices are appointed 2[d] and 3[d] Mates under him in the order of their standing as apprentices, at the wages of £3 0 0 per month each.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD BY SPECIAL ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR, ON THE NINETEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER ANNO DOMINI 1776.

Present:

The Hon[ble] Jonathan Trumbull, Esq[r], *Governor.*
The Hon[ble] Mathew Griswold Esq[r], *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq[r],
Elisha Sheldon, Esq[r],
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq[r],
Jabez Huntington, Esq[r],
William Pitkin, Esq[r],
Abraham Davenport, Esq[r],
Samuel Huntington, Esq[r],
Richard Law, Esq[r],
William Williams, Esq[r],
} *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz.:

Colo. John Pitkin, Colo. Thomas Seymour, for Hartford.
Mr. Samuel Lawrence, Maj[r]. Amos Wilcox, for Symsbury.
Mr. Neziah Bliss, Mr. John Phelps, for Hebron.
Colo. Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Benoni Olcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. John Brooks, Mr. Hezekiah Brainerd, for Haddam.
Capt. Timothy Pearl, Mr. Moses Holmes, for Willington.
Mr. Ebenezer White, Colo. John Penfield, for Chatham.
Mr. Edward Collins, Capt. Ephraim Pease, for Enfield.
Colo. Henry Champion, Mr. John Watrous, for Colchester.

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Capt. Elizur Goodrich, Colo. Thomas Belding, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Capt. Samuel Daviss, for Stafford.
Mr. Benja. Trumbull, Mr. Seth King, for Bolton.
Mr. Reuben Sikes, Mr. Aaron Horton, for Somers.
Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, Mr. Elijah Hollister, for Glastonbury.
Colo. Isaac Lee, Mr. John Treadwell, for Farmington.
Mr. Titus Hosmer, Mr. John Dickinson, for Midletown.
Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Mr. Samuel Huntington, for East Hadam.
Mr. Alexander King, Capt. Abraham Granger, for Suffield.
Mr. Ichabod Griggs, Capt. Elijah Chapman, for Toland.
Capt. Henry Allyn, for Windsor.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Colo. Jonathan Fitch, for New Haven.
Capt. John Holbrook, Mr. Elijah Hotchkiss, for Derby.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brownson, for Waterbury.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Mr. Benja. Pickett, for Durham.
Mr. Samuel Barker, Mr. Dan. Page, for Branford.
Mr. Nathaniel Stone, Mr. Nathaniel Ruggles, for Guilford.
Mr. Ephraim Strong, Mr. Isaac Miles, for Milford.
Capt. Eliakim Hall, Mr. Samuel Beach, for Wallingford.
Mr. Nathaniel Shaw, jun^{r}, Maj^{r} William Hillhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Mr. Rufus Lathrop, for Norwich.
Mr. Park Avery, Mr. John Hurlburt, for Groton.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Capt. Samuel Gale, for Killingworth.
Capt. William Witter, Capt. Asa Kinnee, for Preston.
Capt. Daniel Fish, Mr. Joshua Prentiss, for Stonington.
Mr. Samuel Field, Capt. Benja. Williams, for Saybrook.
Mr. John Lay 2d, Colo. Marshfield Parsons, for Lyme.
Mr. Jonathan Sturgis, Mr. Thadeus Burr, for Fairfield.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Capt. Daniel Judson, for Stratford.
Mr. James Potter, Capt. Dan Towner, for New Fairfield.
Mr. Lemuel Sanford ju., Mr. Stephen Betts ju^{r}, for Reading.
Mr. Benja. Weed, Mr. John Davenport, for Stamford.
Colo. John Mead, Mr. Amos Mead, for Greenwich.
Mr. Samuel Olmsted, Mr. Stephen Smith, for Ridgefield.
Capt. Daniel Taylor, Capt. Comfort Hoit, for Danbury.
Mr. Thadeus Betts, for Norwalk.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, Capt. Ebenezer Mosely, for Windham.
Mr. John Clark, Mr. Joshua West, for Lebanon.
Mr. Elisha Perkins, Mr. Joshua Dunlap, for Plainfield.
Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Nathan Frink, for Pomfrett.
Mr. David Payne, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Maj^{r}. Samuel McLellan, Capt. Timothy Perrin, for Woodstock.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edmund Freeman, for Mansfield.
Mr. Simon Learned, Mr. Benja. Leavings, for Killingley.
Maj^{r} James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Abraham Burnap, for Coventry.
Capt. Benja. Clark, Capt. Elisha Wales, for Ashford.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, for Litchfield.

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Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Colo. Joshua Porter, Capt. Abiel Camp, for Salisbury.
Capt. Mathew Gillett, Capt. Isaac Kellogg, for New Hartford.
Mr. Ephraim Bancroft, Capt. Shubael Griswold, for Torrington.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. David Thomson, for Goshen.
Maj^r Jethro Hatch, Capt. Justus Sackett, for Kent.
Capt. Sherman Boardman, Mr. Abel Hine, for New Milford.
Maj^r Ebenezer Gay, Mr. James Pardee, for Sharon.
Capt. Thomas Porter, Mr. Judah Kellogg, for Cornwall.
Capt. John Watson, Mr. Asahel Bebee, for Canaan.
Mr. Phineas Kingsbury, Mr. Joseph Wilder, for Hartland.
Capt. John Willson, Mr. Josiah Phelps, for Harwington.
for Westmoreland.

Titus Hosmer, Esqr, Speaker, } of the House of Representatives.
Benjamin Huntington, Esqr, Clerk, }

An Act to prevent Monopolies and Oppression by excessive and unreasonable Prices for many of the Necessaries and Conveniences of Life.

Whereas the rapid and exorbitant rise upon the necessaries and conveniences of life in this day of public calamity and distress is chiefly occasioned by monopolizers, the great pest of society, who prefer their own private gain to the interest and safety of their country, and which if not prevented threaten[s] the ruin and destruction of the State,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the price of labour in the farming way in the summer season shall not exceed three shillings *per diem*, and so in the usual proportion at other seasons of the year; and other labour to be computed, and of mechanicks and tradesmen according to the usages and customs that have heretofore been adopted and practised in the different parts of this State compared with farming labour and the prices hereafter set and established. That the prices of the following articles at the place of market shall not exceed the several sums hereafter mentioned, *viz :* Wheat not to exceed six shillings per bushel, Rye not to exceed three shillings and six pence per bushel, Indian corn not to exceed three shillings per bushel, good merchantable Wool not to exceed two shillings per pound, good clean well dressed Flax not to exceed ten pence per pound, Pork weighing from five to seven score not to exceed three pence one farthing per pound, and from seven to ten score not to exceed three pence half-penny per pound, and all above ten score not to exceed three pence three farthings per pound, Grass fed Beef of the best quality not to exceed twenty-four shillings per hundred, and so in proportion according to its quality, Raw Hides not to exceed three pence per pound, Salt not to exceed ten shillings per bushell, good West India Rum of merchantable proof not to exceed six shillings per gallon per hogshead, best Muscovado Sugar not to exceed sixty shillings *per cent.* per hogshead, Molasses of the best

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quality not to exceed three shillings per gallon per hogshead, and so in proportion as aforesaid, New England Rum of the best quality not to exceed three shillings and sixpence per gallon per hogshead, and so in like proportion, Bohea Tea not to exceed four shillings and sixpence per pound by the chest, Cheese of the best kind not to exceed sixpence per pound, and so in like proportion, good Fall Butter not to exceed ten pence per pound, and all other necessary articles not enumerated to be in a reasonable accustomed proportion to the above mentioned articles.

And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That whosoever shall contract or receive for labour, or vend, sell or receive for any of the above enumerated articles more than at the above rate or price thereto affixed, or for others not enumerated in an unreasonable disproportion thereto, the extraordinary risque and other special circumstances considered, shall be accounted oppressive and deemed guilty of the breach of this act, and be liable to be proceeded with and suffer the pains and penalties of the laws of this State against oppression.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all informing officers be and they are hereby directed and especially required strictly to enquire into and due presentment to make of all breaches of the laws made against oppression, in order to prevent the fatal effects of that growing evil.

Whereas the time limited for taking the oath mentioned in and by an act passed in October last for prescribing and enjoining an oath of fidelity to the State, having been now taken into further consideration and the same being in the opinion of this Assembly too short for general notification among the people,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the time mentioned and limited in said act for the taking of said oath shall be and the same is hereby suspended until the first Monday after the first Tuesday in April next; anything in said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act to enable the Governor to lay an Embargo and for rendering the Same when laid effectual.

Whereas the exportation of necessaries and other articles that may be wanted in times of scarcity and times of war may reduce the inhabitants of this State to great streights and prove very prejudicial to the public interest: Which to prevent,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Governor of this State for the time being, by and with the advice of the Council, is hereby fully impowered and desired, from time to time as there shall be occasion, to issue out and send forth his proclamation, thereby to prohibit and forbid the transportation or carrying out

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of this State, either by land or water, of any article or thing that his Honor the Governor and his Council shall think necessary and expedient to prohibit for the time set and limited in and by such proclamation: Provided always, that such embargo shall not extend to hinder any necessary provisions from being put on board any ships of war or privateers or merchant ships or vessells belonging to this State or to any of the inhabitants thereof or to the United States for their necessary stores, bills of which stores always to be allowed by some assistant or justice of the peace, in which allowance regard is to be had to the number of men and length of the voyage intended, nor shall the same continue in force after the expiration of twenty days next after the beginning of the next General Assembly that shall happen after the date of such proclamation.

And that all embargoes when laid by the Governor and Council, as aforesaid, or by the General Assembly, may be rendered effectual,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon the publishing of a proclamation for an embargo regularly laid every person whatsoever and all masters of ships or other vessels lying within this State shall forthwith land and stop all and every embargoed article or thing as they then have on board such ships or vessels or loaded in or upon any cart, carriage, waggon, pack-horse, or otherwise for transportation, or that may be driving on the foot, contrary to such proclamation, or give a true invoice and account thereof to some naval office, assistant or justice of the peace, and also become bound with two sufficient sureties to the Treasurer of this State in the penal sum of five times the value of such embargoed articles or things which they are about transporting and carrying out as aforesaid, with a condition to said bond importing that if said embargoed articles or things shall be landed or sold in some place in this State for the use of the inhabitants thereof, then the said bond to be void, but on failure thereof to be and remain in full force. And if any person or persons shall refuse and neglect to conform himself to this act, it shall be lawfull for any assistant or justice of the peace, and they are hereby ordered in such case, *ex officio* or on complaint or information, to issue forth a warrant to a proper officer to seize and secure such embargoed articles or things untill such person or persons shall conform to this act and also pay all costs occasioned by said refusal or neglect; said costs to be taxed and allowed by such assistant or justice.

And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons shall transgress this act, by carrying or driving out of this State any embargoed article or thing contrary to said proclamation, he or they shall forfeit double the value thereof, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, in any court proper to try the same; one half to him or them who shall prosecute the same to effect if prosecuted by a common informer, and the other half to the public treasury of this State; but if prosecuted by any public informing officer then the whole of said forfeiture to belong to said public treasury. And all informing officers are hereby directed to prosecute all breaches of this act.

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And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the former act entituled An act to enable the Governor to lay an embargo and for rendering the same effectual when laid, be and the same is hereby repealed.

An Act in Addition to an Act entituled An Act to prevent Engrossers and for the better Supply of our Troops in the Army &c.

Whereas by said act it is provided that the Governor is impowered by and with the advice of his Committee of Safety, on complaint or information to issue forth his warrant to seize all such articles as are necessary for the use of the army &c., as by said act may appear: And whereas it may be attended with great inconveniency for the remote parts of the Colony to apply to the Governor for his warrant, whereby the good intent and design of said act may in a great measure be frustrated,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That on any complaint made against any such engrosser or monopolizer of such articles as in said act is mentioned, only so far as it relates to cloathing, butter and cheese, to any one assistant or two justices of the peace, such assistant or two justices are impowered to issue forth his or their warrant to seize the same and thereon proceed with and dispose of the said engrossed articles in the same manner as is by said act impowering the Governor &c. provided. And that the commissaries appointed in the various parts of this Colony for collecting such articles of cloathing &c. for the use of the army either of them are hereby specially directed to make information against all such persons as they shall find buying up and engrossing the articles aforesaid contrary to the true intent and meaning of said act.

An Act to prevent Engrossers and Monopolizers of the Article of Salt.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns in this State be and they are hereby enabled, directed and impowered, upon application to them made by any of the inhabitants of this State, to cause a warrant to be issued out, signed by proper authority and directed to some proper officer, to cause the stores &c. of any engrosser or monopolizer of said article within their respective towns to be opened and to seize the same and distribute it out among the inhabitants of this State who may stand in need thereof and shall apply therefor, at the price by law affixed, according as the necessities of the people may require, and when sold and disposed of as aforesaid shall render their account of the avails thereof to the respective owner or owners of said salt.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That four battalions properly officered be forthwith raised by voluntary inlist-

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ment, to supply and join the continental army now near New York, untill the fifteenth day of March next unless sooner discharged; and that each non-commissioned officer and soldier who shall so inlist shall be entituled to the same wages and supplys as is now established in the continental army, and shall also receive a premium of forty shillings, provided he furnish himself with cloathing, arms and accoutrements, and also a blanket and knapsack fit for said service; and that if such non-commission officer and soldier shall fail to provide himself with a good gun and bayonet, the same shall be supplyed by the selectmen of the town to which he belongs in the same way and agreeable to the act made for raising and supplying the new levies in June last, for the finding of which said gun and bayonet a deduction of six shillings shall be made from the afores[d] premium.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act of this Assembly past in October last for adding the sum of twenty shillings per month to the wages of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers in the eight battalions now to be raised in this State for continental service more than the wages proposed by the Hon[ble] Continental Congress, and also for supplying the same with blankets annually, so far as it relates to any addition of wages to the non-commission officers and soldiers above what is allowed by Congress, be and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all non-commissioned officers and soldiers who do not incline to inlist during the continuance of the present war and shall inlist to serve for the term of three years unless sooner discharged by Congress, shall be entituled to and receive all such bounty and pay as are allowed to those who inlist during the continuance of the present war, except the one hundred acres of land which is to be granted to those only who inlist without limitation of time; and each recruiting officer is required to provide two distinct inlisting rolls, one for such to sign who inlist during the continuance of the war, and the other for such as shall inlist for three years if not sooner discharged by Congress.

This Assembly do appoint the following officers to the following offices in the four battalions ordered by this Assembly to be raised for continental service untill the 15th day of March next, and are arranged as follows, *viz.:*

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Whiting Colonel, Samuel Canfield Lieutenant Colonel, Stephen St. John Major[1] of the First Battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Shubael Griswold Captain, Jonath[n] Mason First Lieutenant, Theodore Catlin Second Lieutenant, Jesse Buell Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Dan Towner Captain, Amos Northrup[2]

[1] Nehemiah Beardsley was appointed Major, *vice* St. John resigned.

[2] Northrop refused, and Daniel St. John was appointed in his place. Timothy Ruggles was appointed 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Smith.

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First Lieutenant, Charles Smith Second Lieutenant, Hugh Cone Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Amos Chapell Captain, Benja. Brownson First Lieutenant, Morgan Noble Second Lieutenant, Stephen Dodge Ensign.[1]

This Assembly do appoint Eliphalet Thorp Captain, George Burr First Lieutenant, Gamaliel Taylor Second Lieutenant, Seth Bradley[2] Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Jesse Bell Captain, Gershom Morehouse First Lieutenant, Sylvanus Marshall Second Lieutenant, Isaac Howe jun^r Ensign.[3]

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Hiccock Captain, Henry Fairman First Lieutenant, William Peechley[4] Second Lieutenant, Daniel Sanford Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Cumstock Captain, Nathaniel Blackman First Lieutenant, Eli Reed[5] Second Lieutenant, Uriah Raymond Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint David Hinman Captain, David Bebee First Lieutenant, John Givens Second Lieutenant, Enoch Parsons Ensign.

Second Battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Thaddeus Cook Colonel, Epaphras Sheldon Lieutenant Colonel, Edward Russell Major, of the Second Battalion.

This Assembly do appoint John Watson Captain, Samuel Mills[6] First Lieutenant, Russell Hunt Second Lieutenant, Zach^r Watson Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Asa Bray Captain, Silas Holcomb First Lieutenant, Amasa Hichcock Second Lieutenant, Nathaniel Churchill Ensign.[7]

This Assembly do appoint Augustus Collins Captain, Isaac Sherman Kimberly First Lieutenant, Dan Johnson jun^r Second Lieutenant, Thomas Powers[8] Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Richards Captain, Isaac Brownson j^r First Lieutenant, William Law Second Lieutenant, Benjamin Fen j^r Ensign.[9]

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[1] Noble resigned, Dodge was promoted in his place, and David Whittlesey appointed Ensign. Enos Hawley was appointed 1st Lieutenant.

[2] Bradley resigned, and Jehiel Thorp was appointed Ensign in his place. Burr refused, and Samuel Taylor was appointed 1st Lieutenant; Nathaniel Reynolds 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Gamaliel Taylor.

[3] Jesse Meade was appointed Ensign *vice* Howe resigned.

[4] Isaac Hilliard was appointed 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Peechley (or Pixlee, as he spelled it), resigned.

[5] John Hanford was appointed 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Reed, Nathaniel Raymond Ensign. *vice* Uriah Raymond,

[6] Michael Mills was appointed 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Samuel Mills.

[7] Hitchcock resigned, and Nathaniel Churchill was appointed 1st Lieutenant, Joel Higley 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Churchill promoted; Gideon Roberts Ensign, *vice* Higley promoted.

[8] Dan Collins was appointed Ensign, *vice* Powers refused.

[9] Fenn was promoted 2d Lieutenant in the 6th company, *vice* James Smith promoted. John Mansfield was appointed Ensign, *vice* Fenn promoted.

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This Assembly do appoint Samuel Osborn Captain, Jared Robinson First Lieutenant, Joseph Loveland Second Lieutenant, Edward Mulford Ensign.[1]

This Assembly do appoint James Robinson Captain, Benja. Hine First Lieutenant, James Smith Second Lieutenant,[2] Charles Burret Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Asaph Hall Captain, Warham Gibbs First Lieutenant, Jacob Hinsdale Second Lieutenant, Daniel Kingsbury Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Elijah Smith Captain, John Tredway First Lieutenant, Joshua Brainerd jr Second Lieutenant, Robert Bradford Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Roger Enos Colonel, Samuel Gale[3] Lieutenant Colonel, Amos Wilcox Major of the Third Battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Roger Ryley Captain, Elijah Blackman First Lieutenant, Joseph Kellogg Second Lieutenant,[4] John Johnson Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Griswold Captain, Samuel Jones First Lieutenant, Alexander Kenny Second Lieutenant, Nathaniel Root Ensign.[5]

This Assembly do appoint Elijah Wright Captain, Isaac Goodrich First Lieutenant, Solomon Phelps jr Second Lieutenant,[6] Josiah Brown Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Phineas Lovejoy Captain, Samuel Felt ju. First Lieutenant, Abner Granger Second Lieutenant, John Russell Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint William Orcut jr Captain, Samuel Tudor[7] First Lieutenant, Joshua Wills Second Lieutenant, Medad Hunt Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Peter Curtiss Captain, Daniel Marsh jr First Lieutenant, John McMurran Second Lieutenant, Abner Loomis Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Josiah Hammond Captain, John Hough First Lieutenant, Amos Avery Second Lieutenant, Gamaliel Ripley Ensign.[8]

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[1] Mulford resigned, and Asael Harrison was appointed Ensign.

[2] Hine was promoted Captain, *vice* Robinson resigned; Smith promoted 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Hine; Benj. Town promoted 2d Lieutenant.

[3] Benadam Gallup was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel, *vice* Gale resigned.

[4] Riley resigned, and Blackman was promoted in his place; Kellogg promoted 1st Lieutenant, and Amos Wetmore appointed 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Kellogg.

[5] Jones resigned, and Zadock Howe was appointed 1st Lieutenant in his place. Nathaniel Root was appointed 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Keeny resigned, and Ephraim Taylor Ensign, *vice* Root promoted.

[6] Goodrich resigned; Phelps was promoted 1st Lieutenant; Thomas Stevens was appointed 2d Lieutenant.

[7] Benjamin Ellis of Stafford was appointed 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Tudor resigned.

[8] Hammond and Hough refusing, Sanford Kingsbury of Windham was appointed Captain; Avery was promoted 1st Lieutenant, Ripley promoted 2d Lieutenant, Andrew Durkee appointed Ensign.

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This Assembly do appoint Amasiah Wright Captain, Squire Hill First Lieutenant, Caleb Stanley jun^r Second Lieutenant, Ephraim Kingsbury Ensign.[1]

Fourth Battalion.

This Assembly do appoint John Ely Colonel, Samuel McClallen Lieutenant Colonel, Benjamin Clark Major, of the Fourth Battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Ephraim Carpenter Captain, Ephraim Lyon First Lieutenant, Thomas Bingham Second Lieutenant,[2] Timothy Bibbins Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Calkins Captain, John Raymond jun. First Lieutenant, Robert Stanton jun. Second Lieutenant, Benja. Atwell jun.[3] Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Wright jun.[4] Captain, Nehemiah Smith First Lieutenant, David Breed Second Lieutenant, Joseph Gale Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Holbrook Captain, Benjamin Crary[5] First Lieutenant, Mark Evans Second Lieutenant, John Willie 3d Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Jeremiah Halsey Captain, Sanford Billings First Lieutenant, Andrew Frink[6] Second Lieutenant, Nath[11] Cheeseborough j^r Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Abner Lord Captain, Dan Platt First Lieutenant, Abner Griffen Second Lieutenant, Jonathan Lay jun. Ensign.[7]

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Grant Captain, Isaac Geer First Lieutenant, Joseph Hylyard[8] Second Lieutenant, Job Sewyard Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Payne Converse jun. Captain, David Perry First Lieutenant, Asa Lyon Second Lieutenant, Ebenezer Bingham[9] Ensign.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Commissions of the officers appointed by this Assembly in the four battalions now ordered to be raised untill the fifteenth of March next shall bear date the second day of December, 1776.

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[1] Kingsbury was promoted 1st Lieutenant, Daniel Eldridge appointed 2d Lieutenant, Ephraim Cushman Ensign, *vice* Hill and Stanly resigned, and Kingsbury promoted

[2] Andrew Waterman was appointed Captain, *vice* Carpenter resigned. Daniel Able, jr., was appointed 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Lyon resigned; Joseph Loomis 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Bingham resigned.

[3] Henry Williams was appointed Ensign, *vice* Atwell resigned.

[4] Ebenezer Lathrop was appointed Captain, *vice* Wight (or Wright) resigned. Hezekiah Tracy was appointed Ensign, *vice* Gale resigned.

[5] [ ] Grosvenor was appointed 1st Lieutenant, *vice* Crary resigned; Ebenezer Harris 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Eams resigned. Eams, not Evans, is the name in the original bill.

[6] Amos Stanton was appointed 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Frink resigned. Joseph Denison 3d was appointed Ensign, *vice* Cheseborough captivated or slain.

[7] Justus Buck Captain, Elijah Scovill 1st Lieutenant, Job Kelsey 2d Lieutenant, Daniel Kirtland Ensign, were appointed instead of those named in the text.

[8] George Nettleton was appointed 2d Lieutenant, *vice* Hilyard resigned.

[9] Joel Webb was appointed Ensign, *vice* Bingham resigned.

The authority for these changes is found in *Rev War*, v, docs. 46–79.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That if his Excellency General Washington or the commander of the continental army near New York should judge it necessary for the safety of the United States that the troops or any part of them belonging to this Colony should remain in the service longer than the term of their late inlistments in order to compleat the new army, or other extraordinary emergency, then and in such case the said troops or any part of them are by this Assembly earnestly requested for the sake of their country and all its inestimable rights, themselves and all posterity, to comply with such requisition, for such short reasonable time as said general shall request; and said troops shall be reasonably considered and allowed for such continuance beyond their term. And his Honor the Governor is desired to write said general, and in the most pressing manner to recommend to said troops a compliance with this request.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed and authorized to take proper bond with surety of the several captains of companies appointed in the four battalions now to be raised until the fifteenth of March next, and then to draw orders in their favour upon the Treasurer for amount of the premiums ordered to be given to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers that may engage in said service.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety be and they are hereby authorized and directed to appoint all the Staff Officers of the four regiments now ordered to be raised within this State to supply and join the continental army near New York till the 15th day of March next; and also to fill up all vacancies which may be occasioned in the several offices in said regiments by refusal or otherwise during the recess of the General Assembly.

I of do hereby acknowledge myself inlisted a soldier in a regiment now raising by the State of Connecticut to be under the command of Esqr, subject to the orders and regulations of said regiment and entituled to their privileges untill the 15th day of March 1777, unless sooner discharged by proper authority. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this day of A.D. 1776.

In the Lower House: The above draught was read and approved of and ordered to be transmitted to the Honble Upper House.

Attest: BENJA. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

Concurrd in the Upper House. *Test:* GEORGE WYLLYS *Secret'y.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and the Council of Safety be and they are hereby impowered to give order for the supplying of any town or towns in this State who shall apply for

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the same with such quantity of powder imported into and belonging to this State as they, his Honor and Council aforesaid, shall judge consistent and equal.

Whereas this Assembly at their session in October, 1776, resolved that suitable provision be made for furnishing the eight battalions then voted to be raised for continental service with cloathing and other necessarys not provided by the Congress on the best terms that they can be procured and delivered to them at prime cost and charges: Resolved by this Assembly, that the aforesaid resolve be and the same is hereby repealed and made void, so far only as respects the additional charges arising on such necessary articles.

Whereas the soldiers raised in this State and now in the continental army are many of them in want of blankets, and in danger of being greatly distressed unless some provision be made for that purpose,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the selectmen of each of the respective towns in this State be and they are hereby impowered and directed, at the cost of this State, to procure and collect in each of their respective towns such a proportion of blankets as shall amount to the number of one blanket to the sum of five hundred pounds in the general list of such respective town in the year 1775, to be immediately sent to the army for the use of the soldiers there in such manner as this Assembly shall direct.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case a sufficient number of blankets cannot be otherwise obtained, it shall be the duty of such selectmen at their discretion to apply to an assistant or justice of the peace, who are hereby impowered and directed, to issue a proper warrant to impress such a number of blankets from the inhabitants of such town as shall be necessary to make the aforesaid proportion for such town; to be apprized by two indifferent men upon oath and the respective owners paid accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a further embargo be immediately laid in addition to that already laid by this Assembly the session in October last upon the exportation, driving or carrying out of this State by land or water the following articles, *viz:* oats, wool, flax, bar iron, beef, fat cattle, sheep, swine, butter or cheese, excepting only as is excepted in the aforementioned resolve; and his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to issue a proclamation accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That an embargo be forthwith laid upon the exportation by land or water of all West India goods, *viz:* rum, sugar and molasses, brought into this State, and also all New England rum, in addition to and under the same regulations and exceptions mentioned in the embargo already made; and that his Honor the Governor be desired to issue a proclamation accordingly.

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Whereas the General Assembly of this State have laid an embargo on sundry articles particularly specifyed, without limitation of time of its continuance,

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety be and they are hereby authorized and impowered to discontinue and determine said embargo, in part or in whole, as to them may appear expedient or necessary during the recess of the General Assembly.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that some persons in this State have large quantities of wheat and flour in their possession which they retain and refuse to sell, which is wanted for public service,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Jeremiah Wadsworth be directed and impowered and he is hereby impowered, to seize and take any quantity of wheat or flour that is wanted for the public service from any person or persons that have refused or shall refuse to sell the same, except necessary stores for the use of their families, and when so seized or taken to pay the owner or owners thereof six shillings per bushel for wheat and eighteen shillings per hundred weight for flour, that whenever the same is needed for the army, on desire of the commissary-general to take the same for the use of the army and pay therefor, the said Wadsworth to take care and deliver the same accordingly; and said Wadsworth is hereby further impowered and directed in case of refusal as aforesaid, to command and take with him proper and sufficient assistance for that purpose and to break open any shop or store in order for taking and seizing the same for the purpose aforesaid: Provided the powers herein given to said Wadsworth shall not continue any longer than till the sitting of this Assembly in May next.

Whereas the General Assembly at their present sessions have resolved and directed that the selectmen of the respective towns in this State shall procure and collect in each of their respective towns such proportion of blankets as shall amount to the number of one blanket to the sum of five hundred pounds in the general list of such respective town in the year 1775, to be immediately sent to the army for the use of the soldiers there, but that no method is provided in said resolve for sending said blankets to the army: Wherefore, resolved by this Assembly, that his Honor the Governor with his Committee of Safety be impowered and desired to forward to the army any quantity of said blankets so fast as they shall be procured in such manner as to them shall seem best.

Whereas the General Assembly of this State have ordered and directed a number of firearms to be made and procured within and for the use of this State: for the tryal of the strength and certainty thereof,

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Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That before any gun is purchased for this State it shall be loaded and fired with four inches of good powder and two suitable balls properly wadded and rammed down, and afterwards twice loaded with a sufficient charge of powder and ball and fired at mark; and if upon such tryal and proof it shall be found that said guns are sufficiently strong, certain and direct, then the same may be purchased, and not otherwise, for the use of this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety do and they are hereby impowered and directed to appoint all the staff officers of the eight battalions ordered to be raised in this State by an act of the General Assembly at their session in October last, and also from time to time to fill up all such offices as have or may become vacant in said battalions, either of commission or of the staff, by reason of refusal or otherwise, and also to appoint pay-masters to said battalions respectively, the present session of this Assembly notwithstanding. This power and authority being thus delegated and referred in consideration of the extraordinary and peculiar circumstances of the case, and not to be drawn into precedent in future.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Ephraim Bill be and he is hereby desired and impowered to purchase of the cargo of the prize ship *John*, for and on account of this State, fifty hogsheads of sugar, and that he procure the whole of the rum of said cargo to be gauged, and that he take two thirds of the said rum and safely preserve, store and keep the same for the use of this State: and the sheriff is directed not to make sale of the same; and also, that the late captain of the said prize ship *John* be presented with so much of the said ship's cargo as he can or shall procure authentic evidence of its being his own private adventure.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the county court to be holden at Norwich within and for the county of New London on the fourth Tuesday of instant November be adjourned and the same is hereby adjourned to be holden at said Norwich on the first Tuesday of February next; and all persons concerned therein are to take notice thereof accordingly.

Whereas Lieutenant Barker has been lately sent to the port of New London to propose an exchange of prisoners in the marine department:* Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Erastus Wolcott and Capt. John Deshon be and they are hereby appointed and impow-

* Nov. 15th, on the part of Lord Howe. — *Rev. War*, v, 127.

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ered to advise, consider and determine on the expediency of entring into any negotiation with Lieut. Barker on the exchange of such prisoners, if they judge best, to enquire after and obtain such marine prisoners as they may be able, and to agree on time, place and manner of exchange, and to treat and deal with Lieut. Barker in every respect as shall appear to them prudent and best.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Belding, Esqr, to be Colonel of the sixth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Elizur Talcott, Esqr, resigned

This Assembly do appoint John Chester, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the sixth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Thomas Belding, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Howell Woodbridge, Esqr, to be Major of the sixth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of John Chester Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Godfrey to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Sage to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 23^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Coe to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Stratford in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Pickslee to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Stratford in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Uffoot to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Stratford in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Giles Meigs to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 23^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Gridley to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Ives to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Zebulon Peck jun^{r} to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Huntington to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Huntington, to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Bingham to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Zebulon Bidwell to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Pitkin jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Stephen Roberts to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Odle Close to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Silvanus Marshall to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Mead 4th to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, Captain General and Commander in Chief of the State of Connecticut in America, To Greeting:

You being by the General Assembly of this State appointed to be of a company ordered to be raised and to join the continental army, reposing especial trust and confidence in your fidelity, courage and good conduct, I do by virtue of the laws of this State me thereunto enabling, appoint and impower you the said to be of said company. You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a in leading, ordering and exercising said company in arms both inferior officers and soldiers in the service aforesaid, and to keep them in good order and discipline; hereby commanding them to obey you as their ; and yourself to observe and follow such orders and instructions as you shall from time to time receive from me or the Commander in Chief of said State for the time being, or other your superior officer, according to the rules and discipline of war ordained and established by the laws of this State, pursuant to the trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my hand and the public seal of said State at the day of *A.Dom.* 1776.

By his Honor's command,

Secty.

In the Lower House: The above form of a commission &c. is approved of and ordered to be transmitted to the Honble Upper House.

Attest. BENJA. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

Concurrd in the Upper House. *Test.* GEORGE WYLLYS *Secry.*

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Norwalk, shewing to this Assembly that they are situated upon the sea shore and are exposed to the depredations of the enemy, and that they have need of cannon to defend themselves &c.; praying this Assembly to grant them six six-pounders with a suitable quantity of powder, ball &c. for their present defence: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Honor the Governor be desired to order six cannon, six-pounders, with a sufficient quantity of powder and ball, for the defence of said town of Norwalk, to be delivered to the selectmen of said town of Norwalk at such place as his Honor the Governor shall direct: Provided that said town of Norwalk mount said cannon on suitable carriages and keep them fit and ready for use.

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Upon the memorial of Amos Mead, one of the Representatives of the town of Greenwich, in behalf of himself and the rest of the inhabitants of said town, shewing to this Assembly that the town of Greenwich is situated upon the sea shore and that the inhabitants have no cannon to defend themselves against the attacks of the enemy &c.; praying this Assembly to grant to the memorialists six small cannon, ball &c. for the defence of the said town of Greenwich &c., as per memorial dated Novemb^{r} 28th, 1776: Resolved by this Assembly, that the selectmen of the town of Greenwich upon application to Joshua Porter, Esqr, of Salisbury, shall have liberty to have six small cannon; and the said Porter is hereby directed to deliver to the selectmen of said Greenwich upon application six four-pounders together with a sufficient quantity of shot for said cannon, to be kept at said town of Greenwich for the defence thereof till the further order of this Assembly; and that his Honor the Governor with the advice of his Council of Safety be desired on proper application to deliver to said selectmen of Greenwich a sufficient quantity of powder for the use of said guns: Provided the said town of Greenwich shall mount said guns on proper carriages for use.

Whereas the General Assembly in their sessions in October, 1766, upon the memorial of Michael Humphry and others, representing that the public road laid out by order of Assembly through the Green Woods &c. wanted repair and amendments within the limits of sundry towns not incorporated &c.; praying said Assembly to make provision &c.; whereupon it was resolved, that Messrs. Joseph Rockwell of Colebrook, Seth Smith of New Hartford, and Ezekiel Wilcox of Norfolk, be appointed a committee for said purpose with certain powers and instructions in said resolution expressed; and it is represented to this Assembly that said Joseph Rockwell and Ezekiel Wilcox are since deceas^{d} and said road much neglected and the public greatly discommoded for want of necessary repairs and amendments: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that John Porter and Isaac Pinney, both of Colebrook, and Capt. Peletiah Allen of Barkhemsted, be and they are hereby substituted and appointed in the room of said Joseph Rockwell and Ezekiel Wilcox dec^{d}, to join with and assist Colo. Seth Smith, for the same purposes and with the same powers and directions set forth and expressed in said resolution.

Upon the petition of Elijah Clap of Hartford against Joshua Chandler, Esqr, of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that some years past he mortgaged his house and homestead in said Hartford to said Chandler for a sum much below the real value thereof, that he not paying the money by the time set in said mortgage the said Chandler instituted a suit against him for the recovery of the possession of said premises, that pending said suit the said Clapp brought his petition to said Assembly for the reconveyance of the premises upon

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his paying the money and interest, that while said petition was depending before said Assembly the said Chandler under his hand agreed to the granting the prayer thereof upon which the said Chandler unbeknown to said petitioner procured a bill in form to be drawn and past foreclosing the equity of redemption after a very short time, which was kept an entire secret from the said Clapp untill after expiration of said term, and in the mean time procured a judgment against the said Clapp for the recovery of the premises with damages and cost, and execution is now about to be immediately inforced, and he with his distressed family turned out of his house and possession notwithstanding he has procured and tendered to said Chandler's attorney the whole of said monies with interest and cost and is now willing and desirous to pay the same &c. The said petition by accident now happens to be in the hands of said Chandler's attorney. Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that said petition be continued untill the session of this Assembly in May next, and that in the mean time all proceedings upon or by virtue of said execution be stayed and nothing further done thereon untill the rising of said Assembly May next.

Upon the memorial of Alexander Bushnell, administrator on the estate of William Clemens late of Hartland deceas^{d}, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed against said estate by the court of probate for the district of Symsbury together with some small allowance made to the widow of said deceas^{d} surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said dec^{d} the sum of £39.19.2; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas^{d} as shall be sufficient to pay the same: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist hath liberty, and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas^{d} as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £39 19 2, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of David Lathrop, conservator of the person and estate of Joseph Bates of Tolland, an impotent person, shewing that there is due to the memorialist the sum of six pounds one shilling and five pence from said impotent person's estate, being a ballance allowed to him by the county court in and for the county of Hartford as of record appears, and that there is no way to pay him said sum but by the sale of said impotent person's real estate; praying for liberty to sell the same for that purpose &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the selectmen of the town of Tolland be and they are hereby impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said impotent person as shall be sufficient to pay said sum with the incident charges of sale.

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Upon the memorial of Epaphras Sheldon, Esqr and Capt. John Strong of Farmington, shewing to this Assembly that the prisoners of war in said town cannot now be supported upon the continental allowance, that the commissary lately appointed by this Assembly to take care of prisoners not having received any orders or directions from Congress for the regulation of his conduct in the premises, and that the committee lately appointed by this Assembly look upon their powers incompetent to remedy the inconveniencies; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the committee of prisoners formerly appointed by this Assembly be and they are hereby directed and impowered to make such suitable provision for the support of all such prisoners of war as now are or hereafter may be brought into this State, either by removing or ordering them into such towns where they may be supported upon the present allowance or by making such additions thereto as they may find necessary untill said prisoners shall be exchanged or other provision made. And the said committee are also hereby impowered to take all such measures from time to time with regard to said prisoners as they in their discretion may find requisite.

Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Thrall, administratrix on the estate of Timothy Thrall late of Windsor, deceas^{d}, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialist together with John Phelps 3^{d} were by this Assembly in May last appointed to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas^{d} as would raise the sum of £236 7 5 &c., and that since said appointment the said John has deceas^{d}, said business not being accomplished; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Josiah Bissell, Esqr, be and he is hereby appointed and fully impowered together with the memorialist to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas^{d} Thrall as will be sufficient to raise the sum aforesaid &c., with the same powers and under the same regulations as directed in said resolve of Assembly in May last.

Upon the memorial of Ralph Isaacs of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he has been lately ordered to be removed to the parish of Eastbury, that he is still in a low state of health, praying that he may have the limits of the town of Glastonbury, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Honor the Governor with the advice of his Council of Safety may grant the memorialist such further enlargement within said town of Glastonbury or remove him to some other inland town at their discretion as said Governor and Council shall judge may consist with the safety and best good of the publick.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Greenleaf of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that on or about the 21st of February, 1776, as he was delivering a twenty-shilling bill of the State of Connecticut into

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the hands of John Brown of said Windham it accidentally dropt from his hands fell into the fire which consumed the upper half of said bill, whereby he suffers damage and prays for redress, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of ten shillings be granted to the said memorialist out of the public treasury, and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Galpin and Roger Norton, executors of the last will of Samuel Galpin deceas^{d}, shewing that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas^{d} the sum of £90 0 11¼^{d}; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of said real estate as shall be sufficient to pay said sum with the incident charges of sale arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have and liberty is hereby granted to them to make sale of so much of said deceas^{ds} real estate as will be sufficient to pay said sum with the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Silas Phelps of Lebanon, shewing to this Assembly that by the generous encouragement given for the manufacturing and making of gun-locks the said Silas made for the use of this Colony fifty-five good gun-locks and the same delivered to the makers of guns for this State, and that the said locks have been received and improved to the benefit of this State, but that the said memorialist not knowing said locks so to be made was to be double-warded in order to draw the premium given by this Assembly made said locks only single; praying to this Assembly that he may still be allowed and paid the premium for said locks, notwithstanding; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorial ist be allowed three shillings out of the treasury of this State for each of said fifty-five locks as a premium, and that the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to give an order upon the Treasurer for the same.

We your Honors' committee appointed to consider the expediency of adjourning this Assembly for some short time, in order to reassume the consideration of the public and important affairs of this State, now report it as our opinion, that the present situation of the army, the great necessity of providing and forwarding the raising the new army and of putting the militia upon the best footing, and the probability of soon receiving further intelligence from Congress and the army very interesting to this and the other United States, will speedily require a further session of this Assembly, and therefore the same should be adjourned to the third Wednesday of December next, to be convened at Midletown. All which is submitted by Your Honors' most obedient humble servants. Signed per order,

JABEZ HAMLIN.

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In the Lower House: The above report is accepted and approved and ordered to be transmitted to the Honble Upper House.

Attest, BENJA. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

In the Upper House: Concurr^d^ with the Lower House in accepting the within report of the committee.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS *Secret^y^.*

This Assembly was adjourned by proclamation, to the third Wednesday of December next, to meet, at the town of Midletown, according to the above order.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS *Secret^y^*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, Novr 21st, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Eliph^t^ Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^rs^.
Jz. Huntington,	Thos. Seymour,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Appointed officers to supply the places of those that refuse to serve in the eight battalions now to be raised for continental service.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, Novr 22^d^, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.

Eliph^t^ Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^rs^.
Jabez Huntington,	Thos. Seymour.	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Voted, That the general officers from this State together with the colonels of the Connecticut regiments now to be raised for continental service be desired to arrange the captains, subaltern and staff officers appointed by this State to serve in said regiments in due order and make return of their doings to his Honor the Governor, that the same may be considered and established by this Board.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, Novr 26th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Elip^{t} Dyer,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,	
Wm. Williams,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Thomas Seymour,		

Voted, To accept and establish Wm. Cone for Captain, Nathaniel Sparrow for a Lieutenant, and Gideon Ackley for an Ensign, of a company of householders and others not in the militia roll, who have formed themselves into a company in the town of East Haddam; and his Honor the Governor is desired to commission them accordingly.

Voted, To accept and establish Nathaniel Ackley to be Ensign of a company of householders and others in East Haddam; and his Honor the Governor is desired to commission him accordingly.

[This entry is from the Council Book 1770–1774, p. 88.]

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AT HARTFORD THE 28th DAY OF NOVEMBER 1776.

Present: The Honorable Jonth Trumbull, Esquire, *Governor.*
The Assistants, *viz:*

Jabez Hamlin	Samuel Huntington	Esq^{rs}.
Elisha Sheldon	Richd Law	
Jabez Huntington	Wm Williams	
Wm Pitkin		

This Board do appoint Jonath^{n} Fitch, Esqr, of Westmoreland in the county of Westmoreland, to be Sheriff of the County of Westmoreland; and Increase Mosley, Esqr, of Woodbury, and John Phelps, Esqr, of Hebron, with the said Fitch appeared before the said Governor and Council and acknowledged themselves bound in a recognizance of one thousand pounds, lawful money, payable to the Treasurer of this State, that the said Jonathan Fitch shall faithfully discharge his said office of Sheriff according to law and the commission given him and answer all such damages as any person or persons shall sustain by the unfaithfulness or neglect of said sheriff or any of his deputies in the execution of said office.

JONTH TRUMBULL GOV^{r}.

The oath by law provided for Sheriffs were taken by the said Jonathan Fitch in the presence of the Govr and Council.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, Novr 28th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq^{rs}.
Wm Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Thos Seymour,		

Agreed on suffering Mr. Irwin, a prisoner taken by Commodore Hop-

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kins, to go to Congress on his parole for his exchange or liberty to return to his family on parole, as the Congress shall see cause to order.

Voted, To assign the care of one Justus Miles, a person inimical to the United States of America, to Mr. Chapman Grant of East Windsor, who is hereby authorized to keep and govern the said Miles in such manner as he thinks prudent, till further orders from the General Assembly or this Council.

Voted, To replace 4 *Ct.* and 3 qrs. of cannon powder to Mr. Titus Hosmer, due to him for powder supplied by him for the use of the lead mines in Middletown, and to give an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Order drawn and d^d to Mr. Hosmer Novr 28th, 1776.

Voted, That the list of officers now appointed to fill up the vacancies of field officers, captains and subalterns, occasioned by refusal of like officers in the eight battalions to be raised in this State for continental service be drawn off, fairly transcribed and transmitted to Major General Spencer, and that the generals from this State in the service be desired and impowered, with the assistance of the colonels, to arrange said officers into regiments and companies; and in case any of said officers shall decline to accept the offices to which they are appointed, that the general officers aforesaid be desired to recommend other persons, duly qualified, to supply their places, and transmit such arrangement and recommendations to his Honor the Governor, and that they fill and deliver proper commissions to such officers as have accepted or shall accept the offices to which they have been or are appointed.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, Novr 29th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,	Benj. Huntington,
Wm Williams,	Wm. Hillhouse,
Titus Hosmer,	Thos Seymour.

Voted, That his Honor the Governor be desired to give orders to the Commissaries that have been employed to purchase cloathing for the use of the soldiers from this State in the continental army to forward such cloathing as they have provided to the army and deliver the same to the Quarter-Master General, or his assistant or assistants, or some other proper person appointed by the general officers, taking proper receipts; and also, that his Honor be desired to give orders to have the rum and other refreshments provided for the soldiers of this State in the army forwarded towards the western parts of this State; and also, that his Honor be desired to write Genl Washington and desire him to advise with such general officers from this State as are near him and point out a plan by which the resolve for supplying the soldiers from this State with refreshments and cloathing at prime cost may be carried into execution.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 1776.

Col. Dyer, Col. Williams and Mr. Wales attended to do business in Council of Safety &c.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 1776.

Col. Dyer, Col. Williams, Mr. Wales and Benj. Huntington attended to do business in Council of Safety &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, DECEMBER 6TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq[rs].
Jabez Huntington,	Nath[ll] Wales jun[r],	
Wm Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

There being a large fleet of men of war and transports at anchor a little to the westward of N. London harbour and their design not being known, it was determined to be a prudent step to remove the continental and colonial property at N. London up to Norwich, and also to take a quantity of wheat on board a ship in New London, commanded by Capt. Kennedy, for publick use; and Capt. Ephraim Bill, Jabez Perkins and David Mumford of Norwich are appointed and desired to assist Mr. Shaw in taking and removing the said wheat to the mills to be floured, and the continental and colonial ships stores &c. to the places of the greatest safety that can be up Norwich River, and to secure the same as well as they can.

Orders were given to several regiments of the militia to march to New London in the defence of this country against the invasions of the enemy; also letters sent to Gen[l] Washington and others for the needful assistance and steps to be taken in this alarming time of danger &c.

Elijah Sharp is appointed Captain of a company in Col. Ely's company, instead of Eben[r] Holbrook who refuses.

Voted, To give an order on Col. Elderkin and Mr. Wales for 150 *lb.* powder in favour of the selectmen of Mansfield. *Order d[d] to Col. Storrs.*

Voted, To appoint Capt. John Deshon to be Commissary to the militia now marching to the defence of New London &c., with orders by all means to furnish supplies of continental or colonial stores as may best be obtained &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, DEC[R] 7TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Nath[l] Wales jun[r],	Esq[rs].
Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,	
Wm. Williams,	Wm. Hillhouse.	

On receiving intelligence that the British fleet have sailed from off N. London harbour eastward, his Honor the Governor gave orders to stop the march of the several regiments ordered for the defence of N. London, but to hold themselves in readiness to march to any place that may be attacked &c.

Voted, To suffer the prisoners sent from Gen[l] Washington when at N. York under a guard commanded by Capt. Eells to return to Long Island, they giving their parole not [to] give any intelligence to the enemy of what is done or doing here, not take up arms or say or do anything against the American States, and that they will return back to this State at any time when demanded.

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Resolved by this Board, That the gentlemen sent to this State by Gen[l] Washington, belonging to Long Island and placed at Norwich and now residing there, be permitted and have liberty to return to their several homes for the present, upon their and each of them giving their parole as follows, (*viz:*) We do hereby severally and respectively promise and engage to the Governor of the State of Connecticut, on the faith and honor of gentlemen, that we will neither of us give notice or intelligence to the enemy of the United States of America nor hold any inimical correspondence with them; that we will not take up nor bear arms against the United States of America nor act an offensive part against them or either of them, but to conduct peaceably and quietly with respect to the present contest and troubles, and return back to this State when required by the Governor. And the Committee of Inspection in the town of Norwich are hereby authorized to take their parole made and signed, and give a copy thereof and a permit to them to return.

Voted, That Capt. Ephraim Bill be and he is hereby appointed and directed to cause two-thirds of the rum of the cargo taken on board the schooner *Hannah and Elizabeth* to be guaged and stored for the publick use; and Capt. Bruce's private adventure, as far as this State is concerned in the property or avails thereof, to be presented to him; and said schooner and the remainder of said cargo to be sold at publick vendue; and in the sale of the ship *Sally*, if there should be any duck or spare rigging, cordage or sails, belonging to said ship or cargo, Mr. Shaw is desired to bid off the same for the use of this State, if to be had at a rate within the bounds of prudence in the purchase.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety December 9th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq[rs].
Jz. Huntington,	Nath[ll] Wales jun[r],	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

On receiving intelligence that a large fleet of British men of war and transport are pushing up Narraganset Bay and towards New Port and Providence, orders were given to the eastern regiments to make ready and march into the State of Rhode Island to the defence of the country against any depredations from said fleet.

Col. Henry Champion was sent for and directed to make provision for the support of the troops now to march into the State of Rhode Island.

Col. Elderkin and Lt. Col. Stores not being in suitable circumstances to march with the 5th regiment in the present emergency, the command of said regiment was by his Honor with [*advice?*] of this Council given to Major Brown for the present emergency.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety December 10th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Nath[ll] Wales jun[r],
Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,	Tho[s] Seymour,
Wm. Hillhouse.	

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Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for £1400. 0. 0, in favor of Capt. Harding of the brig *Defence*, and for the use of said brig, to render his account. *Order given Decr 10th, 1776, d^d to Capt. Harding.*

Voted, To give order to Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, sheriff, on Capt. Harding's producing and lodging with him his power of attorney from the officers and men on board the brig *Defence* in the capture of the prize ship *John*, taken by them and brought into N. London and condemned, that first deducting the charges of condemnation and all other expences, and then one twentieth part of the net proceeds of the avails of the ship and cargo being the Admiral's part settled by Congress, then the one third of the remainder to be by him paid to Capt. Harding for his and brig's crew their share in said prize, taking his receipt therefor, and to call upon Capt. Bill for the bills of expences, and to see that they are all properly collected in order to make settlement. *Order given out Decr 10th, 1776.*

Directed Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, to pay to Capt. Harding £716 12 10 of the State money in his hands, which together with £683 7 2 make the sum of £1400 contained in the order given as above on this page to Capt. Harding.

Voted, To order Capt. Jabez Huntington of Windham, to deliver to the selectmen of Coventry, as town stock, 25 *lb.* of powder for the use of the militia of Coventry now marching towards Providence. *Order d^d to Eph^m Root, Esqr.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY DECEMBER 11TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,	Nathl Wales jun^r,
Jabez Huntington,	Thos Seymour,
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,
Wm. Hillhouse,	

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £674. 2. 3½, in favour of Capt. Theophilus Stanton, it being the balance due in full settlement of his pay-rolls and accounts of the galley *Shark* whilst in service of the publick under his command. *Order drawn and d^d to Capt. Stanton Decr 11th, 1776.*

Whereas Ralph Isaacs of N. Haven, on complaint before the General Assembly of this State at their sessions at N. Haven in Octo^r last for acting in diverse instances unfriendly to this and the United States, was by said Assembly sentenced to remove to the society of Eastbury in the town of Glastenbury, there to abide and remain under the direction of the authority and selectmen of said town, and by application to a special Assembly since held at Hartford the said Isaacs was indulged the liberty of the town of Glastenbury or such other place as the Governor [and] Council of Safety should think proper: And whereas the said Isaacs has made his application to this Board, for special reasons therein given, (*viz:*) his being still in a very ill state of health and has need of the help of his physicians and has a farm at Brentford from whence he must partly draw his supplies for support, to both which the town of Durham would be much more convenient; praying that he might have liberty of residing in the town of Durham &c.: Whereupon liberty is hereby granted to said Isaacs, when his health will permit, to be removed to the town of Durham instead of East-

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bury, and under the same restrictions of the authority and selectmen of the town of Durham as was directed to those of the town of Glassenbury; during the pleasure of the General Assembly or this Board

Lebanon, Decr 11th, 1776.

This day was chiefly spent in writing letters to Genl Wooster, Govr Cook and others on the publick concerns of the present times &c.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, December 12th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elipht Dyer,	Thos Seymour,	Esqrs.
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	Nathll Wales junr.	

William Howard is appointed Lieutenant and Commander of a company of militia and others in the second society in Windham, to march into the State of Rhode Island for the present expedition and to be under the commander in chief. *A commission is granted Decr 12th, 1776.*

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, December 13th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elipht Dyer,	Nath. Wales junr,	Esqrs.
Jabez Huntington,	Thos Seymour,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Wm. Hillhouse.		

Voted, That a letter of credit for £500. 0. 0. be drawn on Mr. John Rapalje and Mr. Miles Sherbrook, of the State of New York, in favour of Major Levi Wells for the use of the Connecticut troops in captivity in New York, to be by Major Wells paid out as wages among said captives at his discretion as their necessities require and to take their receipts and keep his account thereof and lay the same before the paymasters of the several regiments to which they belong. *Letter of credit delivered to Major Wells Decr 13th, 1776.*

Voted, To refer a number of sick bills from New Haven selectmen be referred to the Committee of Pay-Table for adjustment and draw for what is due thereon.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for £12. 10. 0, in favor of Mr. Hezekiah Sabin of New Haven, for his expence in mounting a field piece for publick use. *Order delivered to Timo. Jones junr Decr 13th, 1776.*

Voted, To refer the liquidation of the accounts of Capt. Jehiel Tinker of the row-galley *Crane*, the accounts of Capt. James Rice for row-galley *Whiting*, the account of cost [of] goal yard at Hartford, and Lynde Lord's account for mustering soldiers, to the Committee of Pay-Table.

On application to this Board by Mr. Timothy Jones junr and Col. Thomson, a committee from New Haven &c.: Ordered, that the six field-pieces left at New Haven by the *Minerva* be properly fitted up and furnished with suitable field carriages at the expence of this State, provided said carriages be well and properly made and at a reasonable price, not exceeding ten

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pounds for each; and that the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings be paid Capt. Sabin of N. Haven for the carriage and apparatus to a field-piece which he has lately provided to be done there, and that the same be for the use of this State.

N. B. There is a vote and order drawn on the other side of this leaf for the same £12. 10. 0, above-mentioned.

Whereas by an act of the General Assembly at New Haven, at their session in Octo^r last, among other things it is provided that the militia of said town of New Haven hold themselves equipped and in constant readiness to defend said town, and not be liable to be removed,

Whereupon it is resolved, That Col. Thomson take the most effectual care that the militia of said town be every way equipped and accoutred and in constant readiness, according to the true intent and design of said act. *Order d^d to Col. Thomson Decr 13th, 1776.*

[*Whereas this Board are informed that one John Sheppard was this day committed to Windham county goal as a person inimical and highly dangerous to the United States of America, and that there are several continental prisoners in said goal, that there is danger that said goal may be broke and he escape: Therefore voted, that Jedidiah Elderkin and Sam^ll Gray, Esq^rs, be and they are hereby directed to order a proper watch and guard be kept at said goal to prevent the escape of said prisoners this night.*]*

Voted, That Nath^ll Shaw jun^r, Esqr, be and he is hereby impowered and intrusted to propose and negotiate an exchange of the following prisoners taken on board the ship *John*, the ship *Clarendon* and ship *Sally*, brought into this State, for prisoners of equal rank and degree as near as may be, to wit:

Capt. Dunbar of the ship *John*, James Watt, a passenger on board.

Capt. Jackson of the ship *Sally*, John Wright, surgeon.

Capt. John Deniston of the ship *Clarendon*, Peter Hunter, passenger on board do., Dan^ll Crawford, mate; Thomas Moore, boatswain; James Denniston, a boy; Murdock McCloud, a sailor, and divers others whose names are unknown; and that he take their parole not to give any intelligence, act or do anything against the United States of America; and in case such exchange cannot be effected, that they return immediately to this State again. *Copy d^d to Capt. Jackson Decr 13th, 1776.*

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, December 14th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer, Thos Seymour,
Jabez Huntington, Benj. Huntington,
Wm. Williams, Jed. Elderkin,
Nath^ll Wales jun^r, } Esq^rs.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for one hundred pounds, in favour of Nathl Miner, Esqr, Commissary for the troops at Stonington, and to be in account. *Order drawn Decr 14th, 1776, d^d to Mr. Miner.*

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table do adjust the account of the expence for taking and bringing one John Shepard to Windham goal, sent

* This paragraph is cancelled on the record.

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under the care of Mathew Curtis jun^r from New Town; and also the account of the expence and pay of the escort who conducted seventeen prisoners by order of the Assembly's committee under command of Capt. Ezra Starr, and draw orders on the Treasurer for the sum found reasonable and justly due; and that said committee receive the money found in the hands of said Sheppard, now in the custody of said Curtis, and lodge the same with said Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. *Copy d^d to Col. Seymour Decr 14th, 1776.*

Voted, That Mr. Nath^ll Shaw jun^r be and he is hereby authorized and desired to draw a letter of credit in favour of the captain or commander of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, to be made use of to obtain necessary repairs or supplies for said ship in any foreign port where she may fall; and the said Mr. Shaw shall be indemnified by this State against all damage that may accrue to him by means thereof. *Copy d^d to Capt. Coit Decr 14th, 1776.*

His Honor the Governor is desired to give orders and to permit Mr. Andrew Huntington and other commissaries to transport pork and flour out of this State to the State of Rhode Island, to be delivered into the hands of Col. Champion, Capt. Jared Tracy or Asa Waterman jun^r, for the use of the Connecticut troops in service in that State.

Resolved by this Board, That Col. Erastus Wolcott, now at New London, be requested and ordered to employ all the men under his command he can spare to be cutting and making fashines as fast as possible; and employ such further number of hands as he thinks proper in New London and vicinity thereof as labourers for said purpose; and have them prepared and brought to Fort Trumbull in New London as soon as may be, and preparations there make for placing of them so as on any sudden occasion the vacancy or the back of said fort may be filled up with fashines, so as to secure the men who may be in said fort on any sudden attack.

Dr. Albigence Waldo is appointed Chief Surgeon of the ship *Oliver Cromwell.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table, in favor of Wm. Lax, for making carriages, for the sum of £60. 0. 0, and to be in account. *Order drawn Decr 14th, 1776. d^d to Mr. Lax.*

After the Council broke up, drew an order upon Pay-Table for Gam^l Badcock going express to Tyconderoga, for £10, to enable him to bear his expences, and to be accountable. Signed by Governor.

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AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HOLDEN AT MIDLETOWN BY ADJOURNMENT ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF DECEMBER, BEING THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, ANNO DOMINI 1776.

Present:

The Honble Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*
The Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Samuel Huntington, Esqr,
Richard Law, Esqr,
William Williams, Esqr,
} *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz.:

Colo. John Pitkin, Colo. Thomas Seymour, for Hartford.
Mr. Samuel Lawrence, Maj^{r} Amos Wilcox, for Symsbury.
Mr. Neziah Bliss, Mr. John Phelps, for Hebron.
Colo. Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Benoni Olcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. John Brooks, Mr. Hez^{h} Brainerd, for Haddam.
Capt. Timothy Pearl, Mr. Moses Holmes, for Willington.
Mr. Ebenezer White, Colo. John Penfield, for Chatham.
Mr. Edward Collins, Capt. Ephraim Pease, for Enfield.
Colo. Henry Champion, Mr. John Watrous, for Colchester.
Capt. Elizur Goodrich, Colo. Thomas Belding, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Capt. Samuel Daviss, for Stafford.
Mr. Benja. Trumbull, Mr. Seth King, for Bolton.
Mr. Aaron Horton, for Somers.
Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, Mr. Elijah Hollister, for Glastonbury.
Colo. Isaac Lee, Mr. John Treadwell, for Farmington.
Mr. Titus Hosmer, Mr. John Dickinson, for Midletown.
Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Mr. Samuel Huntington, for East Hadam.
Capt. Abraham Granger, for Suffield.
Mr. Ichabod Griggs, Capt. Elijah Chapman, for Tolland.
Capt. Henry Allyn, for Windsor.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, for New Haven.
Capt. John Holbrook, Mr. Elijah Hotchkiss, for Derby.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brownson, for Waterbury.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Mr. Benja. Pickett, for Durham.
Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.

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Mr. Nath[ll] Stone, Mr. Nath[ll] Ruggles, for Guilford.
Mr. Ephraim Strong, Mr. Isaac Miles, for Milford.
Capt. Eliakim Hall, Mr. Samuel Beach, for Wallingford.
Mr. Nathaniel Shaw jun[r], Maj[r]. William Hillhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Mr. Rufus Lathrop, for Norwich.
Mr. Park Avery, Mr. John Hurlburt, for Groton.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Capt. Samuel Gale, for Killingworth.
Capt. William Witter, Capt. Asa Kinne, for Preston.
Capt. Daniel Fish, Mr. Joshua Prentiss, for Stonington.
Mr. Samuel Field, Capt. Benja. Williams, for Saybrook.
Mr. John Lay 2[d], Colo. Marshfield Parsons, for Lyme.
for Fairfield.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Capt. Daniel Judson, for Stratford.
Mr. James Potter, for New Fairfield.
for Reading.
Mr. John Davenport, for Stamford.
Mr. Amos Mead, for Greenwich.
for Ridgfield.
for Danbury.
Mr. Thaddeus Betts, for Norwalk.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, Capt. Ebenezer Mosely, for Windham.
Mr. John Clark, Capt. Joshua West, for Lebanon.
Mr. Elisha Perkins, Mr. Joshua Dunlap, for Plainfield.
Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Nathan Frink, for Pomfrett.
Mr. David Payne, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Maj[r] Samuel McLellan, Capt. Timothy Perrin, for Woodstock.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edmund Freeman, for Mansfield.
Mr. Simon Learned, Mr. Benja. Leavins, for Killingley.
Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Abraham Burnap, for Coventry.
Capt. Elisha Wales, for Ashford.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, for Litchfield.
Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Colo. Joshua Porter, for Salisbury.
Capt. Mathew Gillett, for New Hartford.
Mr. Ephraim Bancroft, Capt. Shubael Griswold, for Torrington.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. David Thomson, for Goshen.
Maj[r] Jethro Hatch, Capt. Justus Sackett, for Kent.
Capt. Sherman Bordman, Mr. Abel Hine, for New Milford.
Maj[r] Ebenez[r] Gay, Mr. James Pardee, for Sharon.
Capt. Thomas Porter, Mr. Judah Kellogg, for Cornwell.
Capt. John Watson, Mr. Asahel Bebee, for Canaan.
Mr. Phineas Kingsbury, Mr. Joseph Wilder, for Hartland.
Mr. Josiah Phelps, for Harwington.
for Westmoreland.

Titus Hosmer, Esq[r], Speaker,
Benjamin Huntington, Esq[r], Clerk, } of the House of Representatives.

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An Act in further Addition to an Act entituled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia, and for the Encouragement of military Skill, for the better Defence of this State.

Whereas it is not only the interest but the duty of all nations to defend their lives, liberties and properties against the unlawfull attacks and depredations of all enemies whatever: And whereas the laws now in force respecting the regulations of the militia are not fully adequate for the purposes aforesaid,

It is therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all the regiments of militia within this State shall be formed into six several brigades, as follows, *viz.:*

The first shall consist of and include within the same the first, sixth, nineteenth and twenty-second regiments of militia, and shall be called the First Brigade. That the second shall consist of and include the second, seventh, tenth and twenty-third regiments of militia, and shall be called the Second Brigade. That the third shall consist of and include the third, eighth, twentieth, and twenty-fifth regiments of militia, and be called the Third Brigade. That the fourth shall consist of and include the fourth, ninth, thirteenth and sixteenth regiments of militia, and be called the Fourth Brigade. That the fifth shall consist of and include the fifth, eleventh, twelfth and twenty-first regiments of militia, and be called the Fifth Brigade. That the sixth shall consist of and include the fourteenth, fifteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and twenty-fourth regiments of militia, and be called the Sixth Brigade.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall be appointed by the General Assembly from time to time as may be necessary two Major Generals, to rank and command as first and second over the whole militia of this State, who shall be commissioned to said office by the Governor and shall at all times have power to draw forth the said militia or any part of them as they shall from time to time be ordered by the General Assembly or the captain general and commander-in-chief or other their superior officer for the immediate defence of this or any of the United States of America. And the officers and soldiers of said militia shall pay entire obedience to their commands accordingly, under the penalties hereafter provided in this act.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall be appointed by said Assembly from time to time as may be necessary one Brigadier General to the command of each of the several brigades aforesaid, who shall be commissioned by the Governor and have the same command over their respective brigades as the first major general has over the whole militia of the State, and shall be subject to the orders of his superior officer in drawing forth or marching said militia for defence as aforesaid; and every brigadier shall review each regiment of his brigade once a year and oftener if the Assembly shall order it, and on default thereof shall be liable to be removed from his

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office. And the colonel or chief officer of every regiment may and shall nominate and appoint a suitable person to serve as an adjutant to their respective regiments and commissionate them accordingly.

And whereas in and by the acts and laws heretofore made and now in force for regulating the militia, certain orders of men are exempt from common and ordinary trainings, and not liable to the same duty with those on the present militia rolls, and many who have been commission and non-commission officers in the militia, and others who for various reasons have obtained discharges and been excused from doing ordinary duty in such trained bands; and whereas the present situation of this State calls loudly for the whole force and aid of its inhabitants, and many of those persons who are by said acts so exempted and others not included in that part of the militia called the train-bands, and persons excused as aforesaid, are able and willing to fight in defence of their country,

It is therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all male persons from sixteen years of age to sixty, not included in that part of the militia called the train-band, or exempted from common and ordinary training, shall constitute an alarm list in this State (excepting members of the Council, of the House of Representatives and American Congress, for the time being, the Treasurer and Secretary of the State, ministers of the gospel, the president, tutors and students of Yale College for the time being, and negroes, indians and molattoes;) and if of sufficient ability in the judgment of the selectmen of the town where they have their usual place of abode, shall respectively provide for and equip themselves with such arms and accoutrements as by law is directed for those of the train-band in the militia aforesaid; and shall in case of an alarm or orders given be under the command of such officers as by this act is directed; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided that no person above fifty years of age shall be compelled to march out of the State, nor such millers and ferry-men as the selectmen of the town shall judge necessary to excuse therefrom shall be obliged to march out of the town wherein they have their usual place of abode.

And that all such persons belonging to the alarm list may be formed into companies and the service to which they may be called to engage in be thereby rendered more agreeable to them,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the captain or commanding officer of the several militia companies shall forthwith take an exact list of the number and names of such as are of the alarm list, (excepting as before excepted,) who have their abode within the limits of their respective companies or trainbands, and deliver the same to the colonel or commanding officer of the regiment to which they belong; and said colonel and other field officers of such regiment shall thereupon, as soon as may be, divide and set off the same into companies, in the respective towns whereto they belong or

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to abide as they shall judge expedient, to consist as nearly as conveniently can be of sixty-four privates, and to determine the rank of each and every company.

Provided nevertheless, that no person belonging to said alarm list shall be obliged without his consent to join a company belonging to any town in which he has not his usual place of abode, unless where there shall not be privates enough to make a company of thirty soldiers including officers; in which case, as also where there are any persons belonging to any place not incorporated, they shall be joined to such company as the field officers of the regiment within which they are shall see fit. And each company when so formed and set off shall by ballot in the presence of one of the said field officers, who shall cause them to be duly notifyed for that purpose, and shall preside as moderator, choose one captain, one lieutenant and one ensign; which choice shall immediately be certifyed to the General Assembly or in the recess of said Assembly to the Governor and Council of Safety by said field officer, who shall commissionate such persons pursuant to their election. And if said company so set off and notifyed to choose their said officers as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to do the same, said field officers of said regiment, or either of them, shall nominate the most suitable and proper persons of said company to be appointed commission officers for such company so neglecting or refusing and certify the same as aforesaid, who shall be commissioned accordingly. And that each of the captains that shall be chosen or appointed as aforesaid shall, as soon as may be, call their respective companies together for the purpose of choosing one clerk, four serjeants, four corporals, one drummer and one fifer. And if the said company being called together for that purpose shall at any time neglect or refuse immediately to proceed to the choice of one or more non-commissioned officer or officers so ordered to be chosen, the commission officers of such company, or the major part of them, shall by warrant under their hands in writing appoint such non-commissioned officer or officers which the said company shall have refused to choose as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the captain or commanding officer of every such company shall on the first Monday of May and first Monday of October, annually, muster and call forth said company and examine their arms and accoutrements; and if any such person belonging to the alarm list shall unnecessarily neglect to appear, after being duly warned, with his arms and accoutrements, he shall be liable to pay the same fine as is provided against those of the training band in like cases offending. And the said several companies that constitute the alarm list, in case of an alarm or of orders given by their superior officers to march for the defence of this or any of the United States of America, shall be under the command of the general officers and of the field officers of the respective regiments of militia within whose limits they be that are or may be

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appointed from time to time, and be liable to be detached or drafted and to do the same military duties while on their march or in service, and to suffer the same penalties for not joining and marching when required as the militia companies or training bands are by law holden and subjected to. And when such companies shall be called into service, they shall take rank before the other militia companies: Provided nevertheless, that if any person drafted or detached as aforesaid, either from the alarm list or militia roll, shall forthwith procure an able-bodied effective man to inlist in his room and stead to the acceptance of the captain or muster-master of his company, or shall forthwith pay or secure to be paid within one month the sum of five pounds money to the treasurer of the town where he belongs, for the use of the town, such person shall be exempted from prosecution for neglect or refusal of his personal service in such detachment.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no non-commissioned officer or soldier drafted or detached for service in pursuance of this act shall depart the same without licence of his commander, on pain of forfeiting the sum of fifteen pounds to the treasury of the town to which he belongs.

And it is further provided, That in case the commanding officer of the sixth brigade shall from time to time order the colonel or chief officer of the militia in Westmoreland to review and make return thereof to him he shall be excused from doing the same in his own person; anything in this act notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted, That when the selectmen shall adjudge any person unable to equip and arm himself as in this act is required, they shall certify the same under their hands to the captain or commanding officer of the company to which such person shall belong; and the said selectmen shall at the expence of the town arm and equip such deficient person, and the arms so provided shall be the property of such town, and the fines and penalties in this act provided for such as shall neglect or refuse to join and march when called for shall be appropriated for or towards reimbursing the expences of providing such arms.

And it is further enacted and provided, That when any person or persons incurring or liable to any fines or forfeitures in this act provided shall pay or deliver such fine to the town treasurer of the town to which he or they belong, it shall excuse such person from any suit or prosecution thereon.

And whereas it is necessary to attain the good ends proposed by this act, that the Captain General should from time to time be informed of the state and strength of the military companies within this State,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the captain or commanding officer present in this State of every military company within the same, as well those of the militia as of the companies to be formed by virtue of this act, shall once in every two months make a return to the colonel or commanding officer of the regiment of the

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number and state of his company, therein setting down and distinguishing the number of able-bodied effective men both officers and soldiers thereto belonging, those that may be then absent in public service, at sea or on journeys, and such as are sick and unfit for service. And that the colonel or commanding officer of each regiment of militia in this State shall once in every two months make a return to the brigadier general of the brigade to which he belongs of the able-bodied effective men, those absent in public service, at sea or on journeys, and of those that are sick and unfit for duty within his regiment, agreeable to the returns he shall receive from the captains and commanding officers of companies within the same. And that the several brigadiers general shall once in every two months make a return to the Captain General for the time being of the able-bodied effective men, those absent in public service, at sea or on journeys, and of those that are sick and unfit for duty within his brigade, agreeable to the returns he shall receive from the colonels or commanding officers of the regiments within the same.

And be it further enacted, That in case any captain or commanding officer of a company shall refuse or neglect to make return of the number and state of his company as aforesaid, or shall knowingly and wittingly make a false or undue return of the same, and shall be thereof convicted, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds, L. money, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, in any court proper to try the same.

And whereas it is just that the services necessary for the defence of the State should be born and performed by those persons liable to the same in a just and equal proportion,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the private soldiers in the several companies of militia and those to be formed by virtue of this act be entered and reduced into a certain order and numbered in a muster-roll in manner following, *viz:* That the commission officers of each company shall and do as soon as may be call forth their said companies and divide them into four equal divisions, taking care that persons of the same office, family, business, trade or occupation be divided as much as may be and placed in different divisions. And that the said divisions immediately proceed to settle their turn of duty by lot in this manner, *viz:* That the figures 1, 2, 3, 4, be fairly wrote on slips of paper, and said slips being rolled up and put into a box or open vessell, that some person by each division appointed and chosen shall draw out of such box or vessell one of said slips, and that the turn of duty for such divisions shall be settled agreeable to the natural order of the figure the person by them appointed shall happen to draw. And that thereupon the soldiers of each division shall immediately proceed to settle their several turns of duty in manner following, *viz:* That a number of figures from 1 and upwards, equal to the number of persons soldiers in such division, shall be fairly wrote on slips of paper, which shall in the presence of

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the commission officers of such company be rolled up and put into a box or open vessell; and thereupon each soldier shall then and there openly and publickly draw out of such box or vessell one of said papers and the order in which each soldier shall be entered in the muster-roll of such company shall be determined by the number he shall so draw, that is to say, the soldier who draws the figure 1 shall be first entered, and so in succession agreeable to the natural order of the figures they shall respectively draw.

And be it further enacted, That any person that shall hereafter arrive to the age of sixteen years, or otherwise become liable to do duty in any military company, his name shall be entered at the end of the muster-roll of such company and his turn of duty take place accordingly.

And be it further enacted, That when any draught or detachment shall hereafter be first ordered to be made from any company of the militia or any company to be formed by virtue of this act that the same shall be made of such persons as are and shall be first named and set down in the muster-roll of the same, and so in succession from time to time until every soldier in such company shall have taken his turn in service. Always provided, that when any detachment or draught is to be made for any service to be performed out of this State no person in the alarm list of the age of fifty years or upwards shall be detached for the same but shall for that time be passed by, and shall be detached and put upon the first service thence afterwards to be performed within this State. Provided also, that if any soldier shall be sick and unfit for duty, or absent at sea or on a journey at the time of his turn of service, he shall be drafted and take his turn of service upon the next draft after he shall recover his health and be fit for duty or shall return into this State.

And be it further enacted, That whenever any non-commission officer or soldier who shall be detached and ordered into service by virtue of this act shall refuse to muster and march upon the same and shall not procure some fit person to serve in his stead, it shall be the duty of the selectmen of that town to which he belongs to procure or hire a fit and able person to perform such service, for which purpose the fines inflicted by this or any former act and ordered to be paid into the town treasury, or so much of the same as shall be necessary, may be drawn out and appropriated for that use.

And whereas the method of recovering the fines and forfeitures inflicted by former acts for regulating the militia upon such persons as refuse or neglect to muster and march with the companies to which they belong when duly ordered and for other breaches of the same are found to be inconvenient,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any person shall be guilty of any breach of said former acts or of this act by refusing or neglecting to march when legally ordered, or by deserting as aforesaid, or any other breach whereby a fine or penalty is forfeited

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to any public treasury, the captain or commanding officer of the company to which such offending person belongs shall as soon as may be make a report and return in writing of the name of such person and the offence of which he is guilty subscribed with his name and office to, and the same lodge with the clerk of the county court of the county to which such person belongs, and such clerk shall from time to time as soon as may be certify the judge of such court of the number of such returns and the names of the persons against whom, and said judge is directed to take care, that such persons be brought to tryall before the then setting or next session of such court, and in case such court be not then sitting or speedily to be holden, such judge shall appoint and call a special court for the tryal of such persons and shall give notice thereof to the said clerk and direct him to summon a jury to attend, and shall also direct the State Attorney of such county to enquire after and receive such reports so lodged and prepare the process against such persons, and such court at either of their sessions as aforesaid shall proceed to take cognizance of such offences, hear and try the same; and all fines and forfeitures found and adjudged by such court for any of the offences aforesaid shall belong to the treasury of the town in which such person did reside at the time of incurring the same, for the uses aforesaid, and execution shall be awarded accordingly, and the sum to be collected for such fine made payable to the treasurer of such town; and such treasurer is hereby authorized to enquire after and receive the same.

And it is further enacted, That on such tryal the report or return of such officer subscribed as aforesaid shall be admitted and allowed as legal evidence against such offender; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, That if any such captain or commanding officer shall neglect to make such report or return by the space of one month after the offence shall be committed, such officer shall forfeit and pay a fine or penalty of forty shillings for the use of the town to which he belongs, and the like sum for every month he shall neglect the same, unless he can satisfy the court or justice to whom he may be complained of that it was not a careless or wilfull neglect. And all informing officers are directed and specially impowered to make presentment of such officer who shall be guilty of neglecting his duty as aforesaid.

An Act to prevent Monopolies and Oppression by excessive and unreasonable Prices for many of the Necessaries and Conveniences of Life.

Whereas the rapid and exorbitant rise upon the necessaries and conveniences of life in this day of public calamity and distress is chiefly occasioned by monopolizers, the great pest of society, who prefer their own private gain to the interest and safety of their country, and which if not prevented threatens the ruin and destruction of the State, and the committees from the several States of New England

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have recommended that the prices of the necessaries of life be limited as hereinafter affixed:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the rates and prices hereafter enumerated be affixed and settled within the State in manner following, *viz:* Farming labour in the summer season shall not exceed three shillings and four pence *per diem*, and so in the usual proportion at other seasons of the year, and the labour of mechanicks and tradesmen and other labour to be computed according to the wages and customs that have heretofore been adopted and practiced in the different parts of this State compared with farming labour. Good merchantable wheat shall not exceed the price of six shillings per bushell. Good merchantable rye shall not exceed three shillings and six pence per bushell. Good merchantable indian corn shall not exceed three shillings per bushell. Good merchantable wool two shillings per pound. Pork from five to seven score 3¼*d* per pound, from seven to ten 3½*d* per pound, and all above ten score 3¾*d*. Grass-fed beef of the best quality not to exceed 24*s*. per hundred weight, and so in that proportion for stall-fed beef, and likewise beef of an inferior quality. Raw Hides shall not exceed 3*d*. per pound. Good well tanned sole leather shall not exceed one shilling and five pence per pound. Good merchantable salt shall not exceed ten shillings per bushell. Good merchantable West India rum shall not exceed 6*s*. 8*d*. per gallon per hogshead, seven shillings and eight pence for the single gallon, and 2*s*. per quart, and so in like proportion for the smaller quantities according to the accustomed usages for retailing, save allowing one penny per gallon for every ten miles the same shall be conveyed by land-carriage from the first port of delivery for the cost, risque and charge of carrying the same. New England rum of the best quality shall not exceed 3*s*. 10 per gallon per hogshead, 4*s*. per gallon by the barrell, and 4*s*. 6 by the single gallon, at the ports and places where the same shall be first distilled exclusive of the cask, and so in like proportion for smaller quantities according to the old and accustomed usages for retailing small quantities, save allowing one penny per gallon for every ten miles the same shall be conveyed by land-carriage from the place of distillery for the cost, charge and risque of carrying the same. Best Muscovado sugar shall not exceed 54*s*. per hundred weight per hogshead, 60*s*. by the single hundred weight, and 8*d*. per pound, at the first port of delivery, allowing nine pence per hundred weight for every ten miles land carriage the same may be conveyed from the said first port of delivery, to defray the expence of carrying the same. Molasses of the best quality shall not exceed three shillings and four pence per gallon by the hogshead, 3*s*. 8 per gallon by the barrell, and 4*s*. by the single gallon at the first port of delivery, allowing one penny per gallon for every ten miles land carriage the same may be conveyed from the first port of delivery, to defray the expence of carrying the same,

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making the accustomed and usual allowances for molasses of an inferior quality. American manufactured cheese shall not exceed 6*d.* per pound. Butter of the best quality shall not exceed 10*d.* per pound. Pease shall not exceed 8*s.* per bushell. Beans of the best quality shall not exceed 6*s.* per bushell. Potatoes commonly called Spanish potatoes, of the best sort, shall not in the fall of the year exceed 1*s.* 4*d.* per bushell, and not at any other season of the year exceed 2*s.* per bushell. Men's good yarn stockings shall not exceed 6*s.* per pair, and in such proportion to those of an inferior quality. Men's neat leather shoes of the best common sort shall not exceed 8*s.* per pair, and other shoes in proportion according to their quality. Salted pork by the barrell 220 pound weight in a barrell shall not exceed £4 4 0 per barrell. Cotton shall not exceed 3*s.* per pound by the bag and 3*s.* 8 by the single pound. Good oats shall not exceed 2*s.* per bushell. Good well dressed merchantable flax shall not exceed 10*d.* per pound. Good coffee shall not exceed 1*s.* 4*d.* per pound. Good tryed tallow shall not exceed 7½*d.* per pound. Good yard wide tow cloth shall not exceed 2*s.* 3*d.* per yard, and so in proportion according to its quality. Coarse linnens to be computed after the rate of tow cloth, allowing therefor the reasonable worth. Good yard wide striped flannels shall not exceed 3*s.* 6*d.* per yard, and other flannels in proportion according to their widths and qualities, and other woolen cloths in like proportion.

And whereas considering that goods in general imported have of late owing to the unbounded avarice of some persons been sold by wholesale at the exorbitant advance of five and six hundred *per cent.* from the prime cost, and retailed out at the unreasonable profit of forty and fifty *per cent.* or more, in addition thereto, which has been the occasion of great oppression especially to the poor consumer; and considering that notwithstanding the great risque of a voyage to and from Europe, the high rate of insurance, the difficulty of procuring articles suitable for the market, the loss upon those exported, the increased expences and length of the voyage, and the real necessity of importing many commodities from thence: Wherefore, to correct and rectify such exorbitances, and yet to allow the importer a reasonable profit, and also to act in conformity with the other New England States in this particular,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the price of European goods which have been or shall be imported, as also all such goods which have been or shall be brought into this State in any prize vessell, shall not exceed the following rates, *viz:* Woolen goods, coarse linnens, duck, ticklenburghs and oznabrigs, shall not be sold by wholesale at an higher rate than in proportion of two hundred and seventy-five pounds sterling for what cost one hundred pounds sterling in Europe, and not any other goods, wares or merchandize imported from thence or brought into any port in this State in any prize vessell shall be sold at wholesale at an higher rate than in the propor-

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tion of two hundred and fifty pounds sterling for what cost one hundred pounds sterling in Europe, excepting warlike and military stores, the prices of which need not be limited; and the retailers of such goods shall not sell them at an higher advance than 20 *per cent.* upon the wholesale price.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whosoever shall contract or receive for labour, or vend, sell or receive for any of the above enumerated articles more than at the above rate or price thereto affixed, or for others not enumerated in an unreasonable disproportion thereto, the extraordinary risque and other special circumstances considered, shall incur the following penalties and forfeitures, *viz:* For any and every article or articles sold at or under the price of twenty shillings a penalty of twenty shillings, and for each and every article or articles sold at an higher price than twenty shillings a penalty of the price at which they may be sold, which fines and forfeitures shall be recovered by action, bill, plaint or information, in any court proper to try the same. And the selectmen, committees of inspection, constables and grand-jurors of the several towns, and each or either of them, are hereby directed and especially required strictly to enquire into and due presentment make of all breaches of this act.

And that the act or law of this State entituled An act for punishing and preventing of oppression, also an act made and passed by the General Assembly of this State at their session at Hartford in May in the year of our Lord 1776, entituled An act in alteration of the act entituled An act for punishing and preventing oppression, and also an act made and passed by this Assembly at their special sessions in Hartford in November last, entituled An act to prevent monopolies and oppression by excessive and unreasonable prices for many of the necessaries and conveniences of life, be repealed, and they are hereby respectively repealed and made void.

An Act for repealing an Act entituled An Act for prescribing an Oath of Fidelity to this State.

Whereas previous to the taking of the oath prescribed in and by said act it will be necessary and proper to revise and amend many of the laws and statutes heretofore made and now in force within this State, as also to form or agree to some general regulations that may be proposed for the well being and safety of this and the other United States of America and for the maintaining the independency of the same, which in the present situation of public affairs cannot be conveniently attended to,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act and every part thereof be and the same is hereby repealed.

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An Act for stating the Fees of the several County Courts and of the respective Officers concerned in the Tryals of Causes relating to Prizes or Captures brought into this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the chief judge and the other justices, the attorney for the State, the clerk and sheriff, the jurors, constables and other officers of the said respective county courts in this State that shall take cognizance of and hear, try or determine any cause or action relating to the capture of any vessell, cargo and appurtenances taken and brought into this State by any ship or vessell of war, privateer, letter of marque and reprizal, belonging to the United States of America or to any of the inhabitants of said several States, shall have and receive the several fees and allowances as is hereafter set and affixed in the following table, *viz:*

Table of Fees.	Judges Fees.		Advocates Fees.
To the chief judge, for his services per day,	18*s.*		
The assistant justices per day,	12		
For filing and allowing a libel, (to the judge,)	3	6*d.*	
For citation for appearance,	1	3	
For summons for a witness,	1		
For drawing a libel,			6*s.*
For pleading thereto and attending the court, such fees as the court shall judge reasonable.			

To the Clerk or Register.			
For citation for appearance,	£0	2*s.*	0*d.*
For summons for a witness,	0	1	0
For filing papers and taxing cost,	0	3	0
For interlocutory decree, recording &c.,	0	2	0
For a definitive decree and recording,	0	6	0
For taking every evidence in court,	0	1	0
For copy of a libel,	0	3	0
For copy of a decree,	0	6	0
For a retraxit,	0	1	0
For all money paid into court on condemnation, one eighth *per cent.* poundage.			
For entering a motion for appeal,	0	1	0
For allowing or disallowing thereof,	0	1	4
For all copies not exceeding one sheet,	0	1	0
If above one sheet, for every sheet, each sheet containing 400 words,	0	1	0
For every adjournment,	0	1	3
For every bond to prosecute an appeal,	0	1	6

To the Sheriff or Marshall.

To the sheriff or marshall for serving all writs, citations and warrants, the same fees as is already by law allowed in other cases.

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One half *per cent.* upon the sale of any vessell, cargo and appurtenances condemned, provided the amount thereof do not exceed one thousand pounds, but where the value and sale of such vessell, cargo and her appurtenances shall exceed one thousand pounds, then the said sheriff shall have one half *per cent.* upon the first thousand pounds and one eighth *per cent.* upon all sums over.			
For the jurors per day, each, ...	0	4	0
For the constable per day, ...	0	4	0
For witnesses per day, ...	0	4	0
For their travel per mile, ...	0	0	4

And it is further enacted, That the several sums expressed in the foregoing table of fees and allowances shall be paid into the hands of the clerk of said court by the captors or out of the monies such vessell or vessells, cargo or cargoes and appurtenances condemned as aforesaid shall sell for, to be distributed to the several officers of said court to whom the same shall belong before any distribution be made thereof for the benefit of the captors or attorneys and others concerned therein.

An Act for securing Boats and other small Craft and for preventing any Persons going out of any Harbour, River or Creek with such Craft without Licence.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person or persons shall under any pretences whatever depart from any port, harbour, bay, creek, river, or any other place whatever within this State in any boat, skiff, canoe or any other small craft, without liberty in writing first had and obtained from one or more of the selectmen of the town from whence such person or persons would depart.

And it is further enacted and resolved, That the selectmen belonging to the several towns on the sea coast within this State be and they are hereby impowered and directed to cause said small craft belonging to their respective towns to be drawn up in some convenient place or places as to them shall seem meet, who are to take such measures properly to secure them as the circumstances of the case may require.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons whatever shall presume contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act to depart from any port, harbour, bay, creek, river or any other place on the sea coast, in any such boat, skiff, canoe or other small craft as aforesaid, without such liberty first had and obtained of the selectmen or any one of them as aforesaid, such person or persons shall on conviction thereof before any one assistant or justice of the peace pay a fine to the treasury of the town where

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such conviction shall be had, according to the nature and circum stances of the offence, not exceeding forty shillings.

Whereas the article of Salt is much wanted in this State and the importation thereof is rendered extremely difficult and uncertain, it is judged necessary that due encouragement should be offered to the manufacture thereof within this State,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That a bounty of two shillings shall be paid out of the public treasury of this State upon each bushell of good merchantable salt that shall be manufactured out of sea or natural salt water within this State from and after the first day of January, 1777, and before the first day of January, A.D. 1779; which bounty shall be in lieu of the one shilling bounty offered by this Assembly in October last to the manufacturer of salt as aforesaid; and the maker of such salt producing a certificate under the hands of the selectmen of the town where the salt was manufactured of the quantity so made shall receive said bounty, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same to the respective manufacturers accordingly: Provided nevertheless, that no person or persons within this State shall take advantage of this resolve and also of the respective premiums they are or may be entituled to by virtue of a resolve of this Assembly passed in their sessions in May last granting a particular premium to the respective manufacturers of the four first five hundred bushells of salt in this State.

And it is further resolved, That no person or persons shall receive a certificate of the said selectmen for any salt by him or them so manufactured as aforesaid till he or they have taken the following oath before some assistant or justice of the peace *viz:*

You A. B. do swear by the ever living God, that the salt by you now exhibited was manufactured by you since the first day of January A.D. 1777, *out of sea or natural salt water within this State, and that you have not received any bounty or premium or any certificate for the salt by you now exhibited to us or any part thereof:* So help you God.

An Act in Addition to an Act entituled An Act for licencing and regulating Houses of Public Entertainment or Taverns and for suppressing unlicenced Houses.

Whereas there is great complaint that innholders, taverners and common victuallers in this State demand of travellers, waggon or other carriage drivers unreasonable and extraordinary prices for victuals, forage, liquors and refreshments,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the civil authority, selectmen, constables and grand-jurors, of the several towns in this State at their meeting to be holden on the first Monday of January annually according to law, or at such other time as they shall appoint, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enquire into the prices demanded and received by such taverners and victuallers in their respective towns for any of the articles

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aforesaid, and to consider, regulate, limit and state a reasonable sum and price, according to the circumstances of the case, which may be demanded and taken by such taverner or victualler for any of the said articles. And it shall be the duty of such civil authority, selectmen &c., to make out and deliver such taverner and victualler a state and list of the prices by them regulated and limited as aforesaid, which list or a copy thereof shall be set and kept by such taverner or victualler in fair view on the walls of the bar or most frequented room of such house.

And be it further enacted, That said authority, selectmen, constables and grand-jurors be and they are directed at such meetings and on all proper occasions, to exert their utmost endeavours and influence with such taverners and others to enforce the provisions of the laws for regulating such taverns or licensed houses and all other laws of this State for suppressing vice, immorality and oppression, and not to nominate any person for taverners or innholders who have not carefully observed the laws respecting them, and who are not persons of sober and virtuous conversation.

And be it further enacted, That if any such innholder, taverner or common victualler, having received such state and list of prices as aforesaid or due notice thereof, shall refuse or neglect to conform thereto and to the directions of this act, or shall demand and receive more for any such article or thing than is stated and limited as aforesaid, such person so offending on conviction before any assistant or justice of the peace of such town shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten nor less than three shillings for each offence, one half to him who shall complain and prosecute to effect, if a common informer, and the other half to the town treasury; and when the complaint shall be by an informing officer the whole penalty shall belong to the town treasury. And all informing officers are required to make presentment of all breaches of this act.

Whereas it is apprehended the distilling of spirituous liquors from grain will occasion a scarcity of bread in this State,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person or persons whatsoever within this State shall distill any spirituous liquor of any kind from wheat, rye or indian corn, at any time before the rising of this Assembly in May next, excepting such grain as is already so far in the works as to render the same unfit for bread, on penalty that the person or persons who shall be guilty of a breach of this act and duly convicted thereof before any court proper to try the same shall forfeit fourfold the value of such grain so distilled; one half to the treasury of the town in which such offence is committed, and the other half to the person who shall prosecute the same to effect if presented by a common informer. And all informing officers are hereby directed to make due presentment of all breaches

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of this act, in which case and on conviction the whole forfeiture aforesaid shall belong and be paid unto such town treasury as aforesaid.

It being represented to this Assembly by the Treasurer of this State, that the public treasury thereof is at present nearly exhausted, and that there are pressing demands for large sums of money, particularly to pay the additional premiums of ten pounds granted by this Assembly to the soldiers inlisting into either of the eight continental battalions now raising in this State, and said demands cannot be otherwise satisfied,

It is therefore enacted and resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this State be and he is authorized and directed forthwith to make and execute notes or bills under his hand and office to the amount of sixty thousand pounds in the whole in equal sums of ten pounds each, payable to the possessor or bearer at or before the end of three years, with interest at the rate of four *per cent. per annum*, and to bear date on the day and year the same shall be issued and paid out according to the provisions of this act and according to law; the said notes to be made in the same manner and of the same form and tenor with the notes ordered to be issued by said Treasurer in and by an act passed by this Assembly in their present session, entituled An act for establishing a loan office in this State, exclusive of those latter words in said form, *viz: Having received said principal sum of A. B. for the use of said State.* And the said notes shall be registered and the Treasurer chargeable therewith in the same manner as in and by said act is provided.

And it is further resolved and ordered, That said Treasurer pay and deliver out said notes to the officers of said eight battalions in lieu of bills of credit of this or continental emission, according to the regular drafts which are or may be made on him or in discharge of other proper and lawfull orders.

And it is further resolved and enacted by this Assembly, That the possessor or bearer of such notes shall be entituled to receive out of the treasury of this State the sum and sums therein promised at or before the expiration of the period therein set and limited according to the orders and directions of this Assembly.

And be it further resolved and enacted, That any person altering, forging or counterfeiting any of said notes, or aiding or assisting therein, or uttering the same knowing the same to be so altered &c. shall incur and suffer the same pains, penalties and forfeitures as by said act is provided against altering, forging or counterfeiting any of the notes therein mentioned, or uttering the same knowing them to be so altered &c. as in said act is mentioned.

Always provided, That the said sum of sixty thousand pounds ordered by this act to be issued in notes by said Treasurer shall be in lieu of so much and considered and computed as part of the sum ordered and directed by said act to be loaned and borrowed; anything in said act for establishing said loan office notwithstanding.

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Whereas the Commissioners of the four New England States have lately taken into consideration the importance of speedily raising and compleating their several quotas of the continental army, and have judged it reasonable to give a liberal encouragement to such as shall freely and speedily undertake in this service for the defence of themselves and country against the most grievous and lasting oppression, not doubting but by the blessing of God on our ri[gh]teous cause we may be able to repel the invasion of our enemies and secure the rights and liberties of America, have therefore unanimously agreed upon the following bounties and encouragements, *viz:* That each non-commissioned officer and soldier shall have and receive ten pounds in addition to the premium given by the Honble Congress, and also one good blanket annually or in lieu thereof three dollars, and that they shall be supplied while in camp with all the articles of cloathing and refreshments which they may want at the prime cost in the several States without any addition for expence of transportation.

This Assembly taking the matters aforesaid into consideration and willing to give reasonable and sufficient encouragement to all able volunteers to engage in this most important service have and do therefore resolve, order and grant, That all able-bodied effective non-commission officers and soldiers, who have already or shall speedily inlist into either of the eight battalions ordered by this Assembly in October last to be raised in this State, for the term of the present war, or for the term of three years from their inlistment unless sooner discharged, shall be entituled to and shall have and receive the said additional premium of ten pounds and all the other encouragements before mentioned in addition to the premium, wages and encouragement offered and given by said Honble Continental Congress.

And it is further resolved, That all who have already or shall inlist into either of the four battalions ordered by this Assembly in November last to be raised untill the 15th of March next may have free liberty to inlist into either of said eight battalions and shall be entituled to the same premiums and every encouragement aforesaid, the forty shillings premium allowed for inlisting into said four battalions being considered as parcell of said additional ten pounds bounty and deducted therefrom, saving and allowing out of said deduction at the rate of six pence *per diem* for every day he or they shall have been inlisted into either of said four battalions. The aforesaid premiums and encouragement are considered by this Assembly and the New England States equal to the utmost reasonable wish of any friend to his country.

An Act for granting a Bounty to the Militia and stating their Wages when called into actual Service.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That whenever the militia of this State shall be called into service for any time less than two months that the officers and soldiers be allowed and paid the

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same wages and rations that those of equal rank in the continental army are allowed and paid.

And it is further enacted and resolved, That when said militia shall be called out as aforesaid for a term more than two and not exceeding four months, that then the non-commissioned officers and soldiers be paid a bounty of twenty shillings; and when the term of their service as aforesaid shall amount to five and shall not exceed six months, that the non-commissioned officers and soldiers be paid a bounty of forty shillings, in either case over and above the continental pay and rations: Provided always, that they voluntarily inlist themselves into such services, otherwise that they have and receive the continental wages and rations only, without any bounty as aforesaid.

Whereas the raising and supplying the continental army with the quota assigned to this State requires our utmost exertion and not having moneys from the Continental Congress in any measure adequate for that purpose; and whereas by order of the Congress a loan office is established in each of the United States to receive in such monies as may be offered for loan, and John Lawrence, Esqr, the Treasurer of this State, is appointed Commissioner to superintend such loan office, to receive in such monies as may be offered here, but the proper certificates are not received by him by which he may be enabled to secure such persons who may lodge the same:

Whereupon it is resolved, That the said John Lawrence, Esqr, be and he is hereby impowered and directed immediately to issue out his proclamation giving notice to all persons disposed to bring in such moneys as they may be inclined and lodge the same in his loan office aforesaid, and thereupon to give his receipt in behalf of this State for such moneys he shall so receive therein, promising and assuring such person or persons so lodging their moneys respectively to produce to him or them such continental certificates or assurances as by them ordered, otherwise that this State will stand liable and accountable to each and every person for the respective sums by him or them lodged as aforesaid with the interest thereon according to and by the time limited by the resolve of Congress. And the said John Lawrence, Esqr, is hereby directed to pay out and deliver such sum or sums of the moneys so lodged as aforesaid according to the orders of this Assembly or the Governor and Council of Safety from time to time, for which the said John Lawrence, Esqr, shall be fully indemnifyed by this State. The form of which security shall be as follows, *viz:*

Received of A. B. of H. in the State of the sum of by him lodged in this office for the use of the United States in America, for which I do hereby promise and engage for and in behalf of the State of Connecticut to procure and deliver to him the said A. B. within a reasonable time a continental certificate for the same sum securing the payment thereof within three years from the date hereof and the interest thereof at four per cent. *annually according to the resolve of Congress*

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thereon passed the third day of October, 1776, *or on failure thereof to pay unto the said A. B. said sum by him lodged as aforesaid within three years from the date hereof and the interest thereof at the rate of four* per cent. *annually till the principal be paid. Dated at Hartford this day of A.D.* 177 .

Resolved by this Assembly, That the wages of the militia officers and soldiers that have marched from time to time for the relief of any place within this State shall while on their march or in actual service be allowed after the same rate that the troops stationed upon the sea coast the current year had and do receive by order of this Assembly, and that they shall each be allowed and paid the sum of one shilling and six pence per day while mustering or on their march to and from the place of their destination in lieu of all expence for their own support excepting only when they receive public provision; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby directed to adjust the pay-rolls and accounts of such expences attending such marches accordingly; and the commanding officers at the several places of their destination and selectmen of the several towns who have or shall deliver out of the public stores to such militia companies any accoutrements or quantities of powder and ball shall forthwith lodge the receipts taken therefor, or other proper evidence of the same, with the Pay-Table, who shall in case said accoutrements, powder and ball are not returned or paid for to the acceptance of said commanding officer or selectmen or inevitably lost, appearing by certificate from them, deduct the value thereof from the sum found due to such company, and the said selectmen shall receive such sum so deducted out of the public treasury by order drawn therefor by said Committee of Pay-Table or the same quantity again out of any of the public stores belonging to this State upon application by them made therefor.

Whereas this Assembly are informed that our enemies are endeavouring to penetrate through the State of New Jersey to the city of Philadelphia, and that the inhabitants of Pensylvania are roused and animated and collecting to join General Washington with resolution to resist them; that General Lee is following the enemy with a large body, and fair and hopefull prospect presents itself of cutting off and destroying them between two fires, in case General Lee could be suddenly reinforced, and there seems to be a spirit rising in this and all the United States to exert themselves to put a stop once and forever to the cruel ravages of our unnatural foes: This Assembly, ardently desirous to cherish and promote the spirit and zeal that seems to be exerting itself and increasing, do therefore earnestly move, call upon and invite any and all able-bodied men in the State on the west of Connecticut River, chearfully to spring forward and offer themselves for the service of their country on this great occasion, and that such voluntiers forthwith form themselves into companies and

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enroll their names, from forty-five to sixty men each company, and immediately choose their own officers for such companies, that is, one captain, one lieutenant and one ensign, and march forward toward Peekskill with all possible expedition, and the officers shall receive their commissions on the road from some of the field officers. They are to carry as much provision as they can conveniently, and shall receive of their captains to the amount of twenty shillings each to assist them on their march, and shall have the same generous pay and wages as have been given by this Assembly. They shall be formed into several battalions under the most generous-spirited and humane field officers, headed by a brigadier general of the same disposition, and lead to the relief of their country; and there is great hope that a speedy exertion will be crowned with happy and glorious success. They shall not be holden more than two months, unless their own zeal, ardor and consideration of the circumstances of the army and love for their country shall incline them to continue longer in the service, and it is hoped they may be released much earlier. Sufficient provision will be made for their subsistance on their march, and they may be much and generally sheltered in houses &c. in the Jersies. And may the God of armies inspire the good people with zeal and resolution on this most interesting and hopefull occasion.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the field officers of the voluntiers now proposed to be raised for the relief of General Washington's army shall be appointed out of the officers to be chosen by said companies of voluntiers, and also a brigadier will be appointed by this Assembly if a sufficient number to form a brigade shall appear; and in the mean time Messrs. Jesse Root, John Canfield, Tapping Reaves, Lynd Lord, Hezekiah Sabin jun^{r}, Mark Leavenworth of New Haven, John Davenport, Thaddeus Burr, Daniel Everit jun^{r}, John Lewiss, Oliver Elsworth, Maj^{r} Nathaniel Brown, Capt. David Landon of Guilford, Capt. Nathan Hecox, Justus Buck Esqr, Mr. Eliakim Hall jun^{r}, Capt. Thomas Porter, Mr. Cyprian Collins, Colo. Seth Smith, Capt. Dan Towner, Mr. Dudley Pettibone and Mr. Ezra Starr, are appointed a committee severally to carry out into the several parts of this State west of the river the resolve now past respecting them and endeavour to rouse and animate the people to rise and exert themselves with the greatest expedition, and to cherish and propagate the spirit of zeal and ardor that appears to be rising on the present interesting occasion, and to set on foot and promote with all expedition such undertaking and inlistment in the various parts. And all friends of their country are earnestly exhorted to lend every aid in their power to said committee or any of them to promote this great and good design. And said committee are to make report of what they find and do in as short a time as possible to this Assembly in their present session.

We the subscribers have and do voluntarily engage and undertake to march as soon as possible for the relief and succour of the contin-

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ental army under the command of General Washington and under such officers as shall be chosen by the company to which we shall belong, and are not to be holden in said service more than two months unless the same ardor and love of our country which prompts our undertaking shall incline us to continue longer, and to be under the encouragement given by the General Assembly at Midletown in December 1776. Witness our hands the day of A.D. 1776.

In the Upper House: The above form of inlistment &c. is approved.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS, *Sec^ry*.

Concurred in the Lower House.

Attest, BENJA. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk*.

This Assembly appoint Colo. Noadiah Hooker and Mr. Stephen Mix Mitchell and Mr. Elijah Hubbard jun^r, said Hubbard instead of Maj^r Nathl Brown resigned, to be of the committee to forward the raising of volunteers to go to the assistance of the continental army pursuant to an act passed in the present session of the Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Jesse Root, Esqr, be appointed and he is hereby impowered and directed to apply for and draw the forty shillings to each non-commission officer and soldier to be advanced to the volunteers now ordered by this Assembly to be raised who shall inlist in any of said companies and march therewith, and the same to pay out for the purposes for which the same was granted and ordered, and render his account. And the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer for such sums as shall be necessary for the purpose aforesaid. And the officers of said companies of volunteers are hereby directed to procure proper carriages for transporting of the baggage of their respective companies.

And it is further resolved, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to take proper measures and give orders that said companies may be supplied not only with provision and hospital stores, but with tents and camp equipage.

An Act for establishing a Loan Office in this State.

Whereas the exigences of this State and the public require a considerable supply of the treasury for paying the additional bounty to our quota of the continental troops raised and raising in this State and for other important purposes for which it is apprehended adequate provision is not otherwise made,

Therefore be it enacted and resolved by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby authorized and directed in the name and on account of the credit of this State and for their use, to borrow and receive of any person or persons belonging to this State a sum of money or bills of credit emitted by order of the Continental Congress or this Assembly to the amount

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and not exceeding eighty thousand pounds; and said Treasurer is not to receive any sum in less quantity than ten pounds and to execute and deliver his promissory note and notes therefor payable at or before the end of three years from the date with an annual interest at the rate of four *per centum per annum*, according to the form and tenor hereafter in this act directed. And it shall be the duty of the possessor or receiver of such notes to exhibit the same to the Committee of the Pay-Table that the same may be properly registered; and the said committee are directed to take an account and register of the date of such note, the sum and name of the promisee therein mentioned; and said committee or either of them shall endorse and sign the same as having been exhibited and duly registered, which endorsement shall authenticate such note and entitule the possessor or bearer to the sum therein promised and in manner as aforesaid. And the sum and amount of said notes so registered shall be annually exhibited to the auditors of the public accounts or according to the orders of this Assembly, and be entered to the debit of said Treasurer and be by him accounted for.

And it is further resolved, That the form and tenor of such notes, being numbered in order and expressing the place and date, the sum and person of whom received being filled up in the proper place, shall be as follows, *viz:*

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The bearer hereof shall be entituled to receive out of the treasury of this State the sum of lawfull money, or bills of credit emitted by order of the Continental Congress or the General Assembly of this State, at or before the end of three years from the date, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum *to be paid annually if demanded, having received said principal sum of A. B. for the use of said State. Witness my hand.*

And it is further resolved and directed, That said notes shall be written or printed on the leaves of a book properly bound and be thence cut out dentwise, the number of each note being first made and entered on the counterpart or opposite indenture from which the same shall be cut out as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted and resolved by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall forge, alter or counterfeit any of said Treasurer's notes, or shall be aiding or assisting therein, or shall utter, negociate or put off any such note knowing the same to be so altered, forged or counterfeited, and be thereof convicted before the superior court, such convict shall suffer the same pains, penalties and forfeitures as by law is provided against forging, altering or counterfeiting any of the bills of credit emitted by order of this Assembly.

And be it further resolved, That the Treasurer of this State shall pay out the sum or sums he shall borrow and receive as aforesaid according to law and the orders of this Assembly.

And whereas this Assembly are not disposed to make use of the

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expedient and provision of this bill to supply the treasury but in case of necessity; and whereas this Assembly have made provision for improving moneys received and expected to be received by the Continental Loan Officer in this State, and have also made other provision for obtaining moneys for the uses aforesaid,

Therefore be it further resolved, That the said Treasurer be and he is directed not to open a loan office nor receive any moneys as directed by this act untill he shall receive further orders therefor from this Assembly or in their recess from his Honor the Governor and the Council of Safety. And the said Governor and Council of Safety are hereby authorized, desired and directed, carefully to enquire into and from time to time find the state of said treasury and the demands upon the same and the supplys which are and can be seasonably had to satisfy the said demands agreeable to any provisions otherwise made by this Assembly; and in case the safety and necessities of the public cannot by any other means as aforesaid be provided for, to give orders to said treasury to open such loan office and borrow and receive as speedily as may be the said sum of eighty thousand pounds or such part thereof only as the exigencies of this State and the public shall require, above what can be otherwise supplied in any of the ways as aforesaid. And said Treasurer is hereby directed forthwith to obey and comply with the orders and directions he may at any time receive as aforesaid.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Root to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Hartford in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish William Bull to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Hartford in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Barnabas Hinsdale to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Hartford in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Ambrose Sloper to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Farmington in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Elihu Moss to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Farmington in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish John Clark to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Farmington in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Goodwin to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Litchfield in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Alexander Waugh to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Litchfield in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

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This Assembly do establish Ozias Goodwin to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Litchfield in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish John Allen to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Farmington in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish John Hart to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Farmington in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Williams to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Farmington in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Wells to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Weathersfield in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish John Belden to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Weathersfield in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Chester Wells to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Weathersfield in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Noadiah Hooker to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Farmington in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Ichabod Norton to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Farmington in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish John Porter to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Farmington in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Sabin jun^r to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of New Haven in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish James Hillhouse to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of New Haven in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Beers jun^r to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of New Haven in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in its present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Trumbull to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of New Haven in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish John Gilbert to be First Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of New Haven in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Joel Bradley to be Second Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of New Haven in pursuance of an act of this State in their present sessions.

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This Assembly do establish Jared Hill to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of New Haven in pursuance of an act of this State in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish John Yeats to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Stratford in pursuance of an act of this State in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish James Blackman to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Stratford in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish John Judson to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Stratford in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish William Clark to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Darby in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Edward Howd to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Derby in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Pritchard to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Derby in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Eells to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Branford in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Baldwin to be First Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Branford in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Bunnell to be Second Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Branford in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Brownson to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the towns of New Milford, Newtown and Danbury in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Shadrach Hubbell to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the towns of New Milford, Newtown and Danbury in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Seeley to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the towns of New Milford, Newtown and Danbury in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Medad Hills to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the towns of Goshen, Torrington and Winchester in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Stanly to be Lieutenant of a

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company of voluntiers raised in the towns of Goshen, Torrington and Winchester in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish John Doud to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the towns of Goshen, Torrington and Winchester in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish William Boland to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Sharon in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Frisbee to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Sharon in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Azariah Griswold to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Sharon in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish David Bebee to be Captain of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Salisbury in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Roger Moore to be Lieutenant of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Salisbury in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Dorcy to be Ensign of a company of voluntiers raised in the town of Salisbury in pursuance of an act of this Assembly in their present sessions.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the several companies of voluntiers which have been raised or are raising by virtue of a recommendation and encouragement given by this Assembly in their present sessions for the succour and relief of the continental army under the command of his Excellency General Washington be and they are hereby made and constituted a distinct regiment or battalion in and for the service aforesaid according to the tenor and term of their inlistment and to be under the immediate command of one colonel, one lieutenant colonel and one major, to be appointed by this Assembly. And this Assembly do appoint Noadiah Hooker, Esqr, to be Colonel, Jesse Root, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel and Medad Hills, Esqr, to be Major of said regiment.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Jeremiah Wadsworth, Esqr, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissary of Supplies, to receive and deliver over for the use of the troops or militia raised or to be raised in this State all such articles of cloathing, refreshments and other necessaries that shall be purchased and delivered to him from time to time by order of this Assembly at such place or places as shall be thought most convenient for the supply of such troops agreeable to a resolution of this Assembly passed in October last, for which articles, goods and refreshments he shall render his reasonable account and

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give bond to the Governor and Company of this State for the faithfull discharge of his trust and that he will render his said account to them when required, and of all such sums of money as he may receive from the public treasury for the purpose of executing said trust, which bond shall be taken by and lodged with the Committee of the Pay-Table, who are directed to draw orders upon the Treasurer for the purposes aforesaid and call upon and settle said account with said commissary; and in case of death or refusal of such commissary the Governor and Council of Safety shall supply the same by appointing another person to such office.

And it is further resolved, That Mr. Chauncey Whittelsey of Middletown, Colo. Jonathan Fitch, Mr. Andrew Huntington, Mr. David Webb of Stamford, Doct^r Joshua Elderkin and Mr. Abel Hine, be and they are hereby appointed to procure and purchase for the use of this State all such articles of refreshment and cloathing within this State for the purpose aforesaid as they or either of them shall be directed to do by his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety, who are hereby impowered to give order accordingly and to transport the same to the said commissary of supplies or his order from time to time and to such places as the Governor and Council shall direct for the best accommodation of said troops, and as they may happen to be particularly stationed or circumstanced; which said last mentioned persons appointed to procure and purchase as aforesaid shall give bond, receive orders and be accountable as aforesaid; and his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety are also impowered to appoint, if they judge it absolutely necessary and expedient for the ease and comfort of said troops, issuing commissaries to each regiment or battalion of said troops and to enjoin upon them such rules and obligations and give them such orders and directions as they may think most consistent with the interest of this State and the best good of the service.

And it is further resolved, That the pay and rations of said commissary of supplies shall be the same as a captain in continental service.

Resolved by this Assembly, That for the defence and protection of the sea coasts of this State there be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment to serve for the term of one year from and after the first day of January next unless sooner discharged the several companys and parties of troops and forces, and to be kept and stationed as follow, *viz:* One company to consist of seventy men including for officers one captain, one lieutenant and one ensign, three serjeants, three corporals, one drummer and one fifer; and also one company to consist of fifty men including for officers one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant and one lieutenant fire-worker, two serjeants and two corporals, which said last company are to do the duty and service of artillery men or matrosses so much and so far as may be necessary in their station and as the circumstances of the case may be, and when

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not incompatible with that service to do such other duty of soldiers as shall be reasonably required of them by their officers or the commander on the station; the two above companies to be stationed at New London. That there be also raised as aforesaid two other companys of the same number of officers and men of the same denominations and for the same purposes as the two above companys, and to be stationed and do duty as aforesaid at Groton. That there be also raised as aforesaid one company of thirty men including officers, one captain, one lieutenant and two serjeants, to be stationed at the fort at Stonington. That there be also raised as aforesaid one company of fifty men including one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, and one lieutenant fire-worker, two serjeants and two corporals, to do the duty of artillery men or matrosses and such other dutys as shall be required of them as aforesaid, and said company to be stationed at New Haven.

And it is also resolved, That the cannon now at the fort or battery at a place called Black Rock in said New Haven be removed into said town and properly placed for the defence of the same. That there be also raised as aforesaid fifteen men under the command of one ensign and one serjeant to be stationed at Lyme, as was ordered the last year. That there be also raised as aforesaid twenty men to be stationed at Saybrook for the assistance of the inhabitants thereof according to an act of this Assembly in May last, under the command of one lieutenant and one serjeant. That there be also raised as aforesaid twenty men under the command of a lieutenant and one serjeant, to be stationed at Milford. That there be also raised as aforesaid fifteen men under the command of one ensign and one serjeant, to be stationed at Stratford. That there be also raised as aforesaid twenty men under the command of a lieutenant and one serjeant, to be stationed at Fairfield.

And it is also resolved, That all the companys ordered by this act to be raised and stationed at New London, Groton and Stoningtown, shall be under the command of a major to be appointed for that purpose. And as an encouragement for able bodied and effective men freely to engage in said service for the term and at either of the places aforementioned,

It is resolved and ordered, That the officers and soldiers shall be entituled to and have and receive the following pay, wages and allowances, *viz:* A major ten pounds, a captain eight pounds, a lieutenant £5.8.0, Ensign four pounds, serjeant £2.8.0, corporal £2.4.0, drummer and fifer £2.4.0, private £2.0.0 per calendar month. And as a further encouragement, each non-commission officer and soldier who shall furnish and provide himself a good and sufficient blanket shall have as a reward twelve shillings and retain the blanket at the end of the service, and such non-commission officer and soldier who shall provide himself a good fire-arm and bayonet, cartouch-box and accoutrements, to the acceptance of his chief officer, shall receive as a premium the sum of ten shillings and also six pence *per diem* for bil-

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leting money from their inlisting untill they shall be supplyed by the public, and shall receive one month advanced pay on their inlisting. And said officers are carefully and diligently to attend the dutys of their respective offices and places in their several places and posts, for the best good, protection and safety of the respective towns and places where they are stationed, and shall be liable to be removed or collected on special emergencies for the relief of any place on the sea coasts of this State attacked or in danger of being attacked, by order of this Assembly or in their recess of the Governor and Council of Safety.

And whereas the operations of our enemies and the appearances of things may render it necessary that other or further regulations or provisions be made for the defence and security of any of the sea coasts or any of the places aforesaid,

It is therefore resolved, That in the recess of the General Assembly his Honor the Governor with the Council of Safety may and they are authorized to make other or further regulations or provisions as from the state and circumstances of the case shall appear to them expedient and necessary for the safety and defence of any of the coasts or places aforesaid.

And be it further enacted and resolved, That the militia of the towns of New Haven and New London hold themselves equipped and in constant readiness for the defence of their respective towns and be liable to be removed and called out as the necessity of the case may require for the defence of any other place, as other militia by law are; any resolve or order of this Assembly to the contrary notwithstanding.

We, your Honors committee appointed to nominate and arrange the officers for the companys ordered by this Assembly to be raised and stationed on the sea coasts of this State and lay the same before this Assembly for approbation and establishment, beg leave to report it as our opinion, that Jonathan Wells, Esqr, of Hartford, be appointed a Major to command at New London, Groton and Stonington.

Adam Shapley Captain,
Ithamar Harvey Lieutenant,
Abner Wood Ensign,
} of the first company of musquet men, New London.

Oliver Coit Captain,
William Latham Lieutenant,
Samuel Smith Ensign,
} of the 2d company of musquet men at Groton.

Nathan Palmer Captain,
John Belcher Lieutenant,
} of the third company of musquet men and to be stationed at Stonington.

William Ledyard Captain
Nathaniel Coit jun^{r} First Lieutenant,
Jonathan Leeds Second Lieutenant,
Achas Sheffield Lieutenant Fire-Worker,
} Artillery company and to be stationed at Groton.

Nathaniel Saltonstall Captain,
Martin Kirtland First Lieutenant,
Daniel Starr Second Lieutenant,
Daniel Dee Lieutenant Fire-Worker,
} Artillery company &c. to be stationed at N. London.

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John Griswold Ensign, to command at Lyme.
Lee Lay Lieutenant, and to command at Saybrook.
Joseph Thomson Captain.
Samuel Willmott First Lieutenant.
Phineas Bradley jr Second Lieutenant.
Daniel Bishop Lieutenant Fire-Worker.
John Prudden junr, to command at Milford.
Samuel Uffoot junr Ensign, to command at Stratford.
George Burr Lieutenant, to command at Fairfield.

All which is submitted by your Honors humble servants,

Signed per order JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

In the Lower House: The foregoing report is accepted and approved &c.

Attest, BENJA. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

Concurrd in the Upper House. *Test.* GEORGE WYLLYS *Secry.*

Whereas it is of great importance that the fortifications at New London, Groton and Stonington should be compleated and sufficiently garrisoned for the defence of this State,

It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, That one entire regiment or battalion including two companies of matrosses shall be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment and fully officered, to be stationed at the several places aforesaid or at such other places within this State as the Governor and Council of Safety shall direct in case of emergency, for the term of one year from the first day of February, 1777, unless sooner discharged. And that each commission and non-commission officer and soldier shall have and receive the same wages, pay and allowances that the regiment stationed at the places aforesaid in the current year had and did receive, that is to say: a colonel £15 per calendar month, a lieutenant colonel £12. 0. 0, major £10. 0. 0, a captain £8.0.0, lieutenant £5. 8. 0, ensign £4. 0. 0, serjeant £2. 8. 0, corporal, drummer and fifer, each £2. 4. 0, and private soldier £2. 0. 0 per calendar month. And each able-bodied effective non-commission officer and soldier engaging in said service shall have and receive as a premium and encouragement the sum of twenty shillings and a further premium of twenty-two shillings for finding and providing a good sufficient fire-arm and accoutrements and a good blanket and knapsack to the acceptance of his captain, and in proportion for such articles thereof as he shall find; and the blanket to be his own property; and shall all be entituled to receive one months advance pay on their engaging in said service; and they shall be subjected to the same rules, regulations and mode of discipline that the battalions raised for continental service are liable to.

And it is further resolved, That his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety are desired and impowered to give orders for the immediate raising of said battalion, including said two companies of matrosses, as to them shall appear most conducive for the best good

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and security of this State, and that they do also appoint all the necessary and proper officers for said battalion and matross companies, and direct and order them from time to time as they shall judge proper and expedient, and state the pay and wages of such matross officers as are not particularly stated in this bill.

And whereas this Assembly at their present sessions resolved and ordered that several companies should be raised for the defence and to be stationed at the several places aforesaid, which appears to be inadequate and not sufficient to answer the ends designed thereby,

It is therefore resolved, That the aforesaid resolves, so far as the same have relation to the raising or stationing the companies therein mentioned at the places aforesaid, be and the same are hereby repealed and made void; anything therein contained notwithstanding.

Resolved by this Assembly, That one regiment, to consist of the same number as the continental regiments, be forthwith raised in and kept for the defence of this State, to continue during the continuance of the present war, to be regulated, officered and appointed as shall be further agreed and determined by this Assembly; and that Colo. Ely be ordered to march his regiment immediately to New London, there to continue till further orders; and that in the meantime orders be issued to raise and draft without delay one fourth part of the militia of the third, eighth, twelfth, twentieth and twenty-first regiments of this State, to be marched and placed at or about New London for the defence and safety of this State untill such regiment can be raised or other proper measures taken for our defence, and not to be holden more than two months.

Whereas a large body of troops of the British army defended by a strong fleet have taken possession of the island of Rhode Island and threaten an invasion of some of the adjoining States of New England; and whereas the State of Massachusetts Bay and the State of Rhode Island have proposed that committees from the States of New England meet at Providence in the State of Rhode Island as soon as may be to consult for their immediate defence and safety; and whereas from the operations of war in New York and New Jersey a free communication with the Congress is in some measure interrupted and the General and army of the United States are employed in their defence against the common enemy,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Eliphalet Dyer, Richard Law, Nathaniel Wales jun^r and Titus Hosmer, Esquires, be and they are appointed a committee on behalf of this State to meet the committees of the other States of New England at Providence in the State of Rhode Island, or at any other place where they may convene, on the 23d day of December instant, or as soon as may be, and consult with them of the expediency of raising and appointing an army for the more immediate defence of the New England [States] against the

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threatned invasion as well as for the more general defence in the common cause, and of such regulations as may be necessary to support the credit of our currencies, to prevent oppressing the soldiers and inhabitants by extravagant prices, and in general of every measure to expedite the raising and appointing an army, or necessary for common defence, and to make report to this Assembly, or in the recess thereof to his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety, of whatever they may judge fit to be done, for approbation, and that suitable measures may be pursued thereon, untill the whole subject matter be laid before the Honble Congress of the United States of America, measures taken and directions given by them thereon.

Whereas the sick and impotent soldiers of other States as they pass and repass through this State while in the service of the United States do often stand in need of support and relief,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the selectmen of the several towns shall and they are hereby ordered to afford proper and necessary support and relief to such sick and infirm soldier or soldiers belonging to any other State as may be passing or repassing through this State in the service of the United States and not able to provide for themselves, and exhibit an account of the expence that hath or shall accrue therein to the Committee of the Pay-Table, which for the future shall be acknowledged by such soldier or soldiers under his or their hand, also signifying to what State he or they belong and what regiment and company he or they are of within such State: provided he or they are capable of giving such information and subscribing such acknowledgment. And the Committee of Pay-Table are thereupon desired to adjust said account of expence and give order for the payment thereof upon the Treasurer and charge the same to the State to which said sick and unable soldier belongs or to the United States of America, in order that it may be repaid.

An Act in Alteration of the Fare of Parkers Ferry over Mystick River.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the fare over Parkers Ferry shall be as follows, *viz:* For man, horse and load, three pence; for a foot man, one penny half-penny; led horse one penny half-penny; ox or other neat kine two pence half penny; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Whereas several regiments of militia in this State by order of this Assembly in October last marched to Stamford, Greenwich &c. and put themselves under the command of Maj^r^ General Wooster, and have faithfully served in defence of their country in a tedious and expensive season, some of whom have probably sustained cost occasioned by sickness on the road returning home &c.

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Therefore resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be authorized and directed to adjust and allow all such reasonable sums for such cost of sickness on the road according to resolve of this Assembly in October last in favour of the militia and new levies; and all the non-commissioned officers and soldiers who marched in obedience to said orders and shall produce a proper discharge or that were permitted to return on furlow or by reason of sickness, shall be allowed twenty shillings each for their extraordinary expences, and the heirs and representatives of such as dyed in said service be entituled to the twenty shillings premium as well as such who were discharged over and above the wages and mileage allowed by the Honble Continental Congress, and that the commanding officers of the regiments aforesaid return the names of such persons in their respective regiments as are returned deserters from said service to the Committee of Pay-Table, to enable them to execute the trust reposed in them.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the stores of medicine &c. now deposited in Stamford under the care of Dr. Philip Turner be removed in whole or in part to the town of Danbury at the said doctor's discretion with the best advice he can obtain both as to the time and manner of such removal, and that the sum of £500.0.0 be advanced out of the public treasury to the said Doct^{r} Turner, by him to be improved in his present department as he shall find occasion, being accountable therefor; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby authorized and directed to draw an order in his favour accordingly.

Whereas by a resolve of this Assembly heretofore made, the Treasurer has been directed to receive continental bills in lieu of the bills emitted by this State ordered to be collected by a tax granted for the purpose of a sinking fund, which said continental bills will not fully answer the purposes of a sinking fund: Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer shall issue and pay out said continental bills received as aforesaid in payment of such orders as shall be duly drawn upon him by order of this Assembly, and that the Treasurer shall from time to time issue his own promissory notes at 4 *per cent.* interest for the redemption of the bills emitted by this Assembly in April 1775, as the same become redeemable, unless he shall have sufficient sum in his hands of silver and gold for the purpose of redeeming said bills according to the form and further directions that shall be given by this Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Secretary do forthwith make out an attested copy of an act passed during the sessions of this Assembly, respecting taverners and for stating the price of victuals, refreshments, &c. in order that the same may be printed.

Whereas it is stipulated and recommended by the committee of the New England States that this State furnish and send as its quota

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of the army proposed for the defence of Providence &c. against the British forces now in possession of NewPort the number of 1092 troops: Wherefore, in order to supply said quota,

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor by the advice of his Committee of Safety be impowered and directed to send forward Colo. Ely's battallion and make up the remainder or any deficiency that may happen of said number so agreed to be sent as aforesaid in such manner and out of such troops as they shall think best and in the speediest way to effect the same.

The report of Messrs. Eliphalet Dyer, Richard Law, Nathaniel Wales, jr and Titus Hosmer, Esqrs, a committee appointed by this Assembly at their present sessions to meet the committees of the rest of the States of New England at Providence in the State of Rhode Island, to confer with them on the expediency of raising and appointing an army for the more immediate defence of the New England States &c. as well as for the more general defence in the common cause and of such regulations as may be necessary to support the credit of our currency, &c., which report under the hands of said committee dated the fourth of January, 1777, and exhibited to this Assembly, is accepted and approved accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby directed to write to the Honble Continental Congress laying before them the reason, occasion and necessity of the meeting of the several committees from the New England States at Providence in the State of Rhode Island, together with a copy of the proceedings of said committees.

Resolved by this Assembly, That an Embargo be and the same is hereby laid on all privateers and on all shipping whatever except continental vessells and armed vessells belonging to the respective States on permission being first had and obtained from his Honor the Governor and his Committee of Safety to depart.

And provided also, and it is hereby resolved, That his Honor the Governor with the advice of his said committee may at any time permit such vessels to sail as they may judge necessary to import such medicines and other necessaries as they may think wanted for the good of the State.

Said embargo to continue till the rising of this Assembly in May next. Provided nevertheless, that his Honor the Governor with the advice of his said committee may suspend the same within said time if found requisite. And the Governor is desired to issue a proclamation accordingly.

Whereas the articles of tanned leather and shoes are become scarce and greatly wanted by the inhabitants of this State,

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Resolved by this Assembly, That an Embargo be and the same is hereby laid upon the exportation of tanned leather and shoes, either by land or water, out of this State untill the rising of this Assembly in May next, under the regulations, pains and penalties contained in an act of this Assembly made and passed in November last, entituled An act to enable the Governor to lay an embargo and for rendering the same when laid effectual. And his Honor the Governor is desired to issue his proclamation accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the field officers of the four battalions lately ordered to be raised for the continental service immediately and without delay apply themselves to the business of raising their respective battalions, that they take especial care to see that all the inlisting officers under them are properly encouraged and stimulated to proceed in said business, and that as soon as the number of twenty in a company, as mentioned in said act, are raised, to order them to march and rendezvous at Horse Neck and give intelligence thereof to the commanding officer in that quarter and wait his further orders and proceed accordingly. And that a copy of this resolve be immediately sent to each field officer in the said four battalions.

Whereas this Assembly by a resolve at their sessions in June last required the selectmen of the several towns in this State to collect the lead in their respective towns for the use of this State and return an account of the same to the Committee of Pay-Table, and as the said selectmen have in many instances neglected their duty in the premises, and as it is necessary for the safety of this State that every preparation for defence be speedily made,

Therefore, be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the selectmen in the several towns in this State shall forthwith collect the lead in their respective towns according to said resolve and procure the same to be cast into bullets of suitable and various sizes, and those who have already collected the lead in their towns according to said resolve shall cause the same to be cast into bullets as aforesaid and return an account of the cost and charge thereof with the weight of the same to the Committee of Pay-Table, which committee are directed to give proper orders upon the Treasurer for payment of the same. And if the selectmen of any town shall neglect or refuse to collect the lead in their respective towns, cast the same into bullets as aforesaid, and render their account thereof to the said Committee of Pay-Table by the first day of March next, such selectmen for such neglect or refusal shall forfeit and incur a penalty of five pounds, and also a further penalty of twenty shillings for each and every week after the said first day of March in which they shall so neglect or refuse to comply with their duty required by the resolve aforesaid and by this act, to the Treasurer of this State, to be recov-

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ered by action, bill, plaint, or information, in any court proper to hear and determine the same. And the selectmen in the several towns in this State are hereby required and directed forthwith to apply to his Honor the Governor for proper orders on the powder makers or others for such quantitys of gun-powder as will be sufficient to compleat their town stores according to law, and see the same properly placed in their respective towns for public use.

Whereas this Assembly at their sessions in June last resolved that the committee appointed to procure arms for this State should distribute them to the several towns in proportion to their list, and it being represented to this Assembly that said resolve has not been fully carried into execution: Therefore, it is resolved, that said committee lay before this Assembly in May next an account how far and in what manner said resolve has been complyed with, and also an account of the number of fire-arms by them then procured and where they are, that they may be disposed of and used as the exigencies of the State may require.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table do as soon as may be call upon all such officers as received monies out of the treasury of this State for the purpose of raising the troops called the New Levies ordered to be raised by this Assembly in May and June last, and see that they render their account thereof. And such officers are directed forthwith upon notice had to apply to said committee and settle their several accounts accordingly; and the said Committee of Pay-Table are to make report in the premises to the next session of this Assembly.

Whereas it is represented that the prisoners of this and other American States who have unhappily fallen into hands of the enemy in the last campaign have been treated with great severity and have suffered extreme hardship and distress by hunger, cold and nakedness, and many thereby reduced to sickness, and the sick crowded in heaps, neglected and left to dye for want of medicine or any reasonable care: in order therefore to obtain the truth and certainty of facts relating thereto,

It is resolved by this Assembly, That the present members thereof immediately on their return call upon such honest and intelligent officers and persons within any of their towns as they may think necessary, who may have returned from such imprisonment, and carefully and cautiously examine them concerning the treatment said prisoners had and met with and their sufferings and deaths during such imprisonment, and take their account and narrative thereof in writing and cause the same to be properly attested and sworn to, and the same transmit as soon as possible to his Honor the Governor, that such use may be made thereof as may appear reasonable and proper and tending to prevent the like injustice and cruelty in future.

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And it is further resolved, That the committee and commissary appointed by this Assembly to take care of and provide for prisoners taken from the enemy and sent into this State be and they are hereby directed to state a just account of the numbers of such prisoners under their care as near as may [be,] how and in what manner they were kept, treated, provided for and supported, and also of the conduct and behaviour of such prisoners, and the same attest and certify under oath before lawfull authority, and if they shall find proper and needfull, in order to ascertain any of the matters or facts as aforesaid, to call upon and take the testimony of any creditable person or persons acquainted with anything material in the premises and cause the same to be attested and certifyed as aforesaid, and the whole transmit as soon as may be to his Honor the Governor to the end and for purpose as aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Eliakim Hall and Doct^r Amos Mead be a committee in the name and behalf of this Assembly to repair immediately to the posts where the troops of this State are stationed east of Hudsons River or to the most important of them, and to exert their utmost influence to induce the officers and soldiers whose term is nearly expired to continue in the service for the defence of those posts a little longer and untill their places can be supplyed, to let them know the measures pursuing by this Assembly for that purpose by raising four battalions and the progress made therein and by encouraging other volunteers, and the great probability there is that their places may be very speedily filled, to set before them the very dangerous consequences of leaving those posts exposed to the ravages of a watchfull enemy, and to assure them also that this Assembly will make them a reasonable allowance for such continuance over and above their present wages, and in general by all lawfull means in their power excite and engage them not to quit the service of their country in this critical moment, nor leave the important stores and magazines prepared for future operations exposed to be seized and plundered, which would be an irreparable loss and much retard if not utterly defeat our future operations; and also as it may fall in their way call upon any officer of the said four battalions and charge them in the name of this Assembly to hasten the raising their men and forthwith to march to their proper stations; and of what they shall do in the premises to make report in due and proper season.*

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* The following is their report, omitting the preliminary paragraph: —

That in pursuance of your Honors' directions, on the 23d of instant December we set out and with all possible diligence pursued our journey towards the army; and on our way we call'd on all the officers of the 4 battalions and in the name of the Genl Assembly commanded them to hasten the raising the men, and as soon as possible to march, according to the order of his Honor the Governor to their stations; and in the evening of the 24th instant, on the road between Fairfield and Norwalk, we met the Honble Maj^r Genl Spencer, to whom we communicated the subject mat-

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Whereas the period for the continuance of the troops raised the last year for garrisoning the fort at New London is nearly arrived, and least the new ones proposed to be raised for that department should fail of being raised seasonably and so the forts and stores be lost and the towns of New London and Groton be ravaged,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. Samuel Mott and Capt. William Ledyard and Capt. John Deshon be a committee to repair immediately to New London to apply to Maj^r Wells and the other commanding officers serving in that department to use their influence with the men now in service at New London and Groton to continue in service some time longer untill new forces can be raised to supply their places; and said committee to use their influence with the officers appointed at this Assembly to raise companies for that service to raise them with as great dispatch as possible; and also said committee to make enquiry about the military stores belonging to this and the United States stored at New London, and if not properly secured to see that they are removed to some more secure place or places and make report to his Honor the Governor as soon as possible.

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ter of our commission, upon which Genl Spencer informed us that we were too late to make application to the troops who had been station'd at Peekskill and Northcastle, for that he had given orders to Genl Wadsworth to dismiss the whole of his brigade the next morning and that there was no possibility of making any proposals to any of the troops of this State except those under the command of Genl Wooster at the Sawpits. Pursuant to which intelligence we prosecuted our journey directly to Genl Wooster at the Sawpits and there shewed him the resolution of your Honors and conversed with him upon the subject matter thereof; and on motion the general sent for all the field officers of his corps to attend immediately at headquarters. The general informed us that he had fully wrote his Honor by express that morning, therein acquainting him that he had used the utmost of his influence to and had engaged them to stay untill Monday the 30th instant. The field officers immediately came to the general's quarters, to whom we communicated our orders. who all shewed the greatest readiness to assist us by exerting their influence in their several regiments to induce them to comply with your Honors' request, and agreeable to orders by the general issued for that purpose to the several regiments there under his command they were paraded. and the general with the field officers attended, when we acquainted them with your Honors' resolution and the same being read to them we then address'd them with all the arguments we were master of, to stimulate them into a compliance, in which we were ably assisted by the Rev^d Mr. Waterman and also in a sensible and soldier-like manner by the general himself, when, to try their minds, the general proposed to them to shew their complyance by raising their firelocks, in which the great part appeared to consent, except the regiment of horse and but few of them consented to tarry — their reasons for noncompliance we afterwards learned from Maj^r Starr and his officers were that they had rec'd no pay for the summer or this campaign, that they were under the necessity of purchasing all the oats for their horses with their own money, that their money was expended, that for want of a sutler, or a commissary, to attend them they had been much imposed upon. The officers of the other regiments told us that the complaints among their men were similar as to the pay and want of a commissary. We farther take leave to mention to your Honors that antecedent to our arrival at the Sawpits, Genl Wooster had ordered 10 companies of the 9th Reg^t. of militia immediately to march in for the support and defence of the lines there untill other troops should arrive, which was immediately complyed with by Col. Mead and the necessary orders issued by him for that purpose.

All which is submitted by your Honors obed^t humble serv^ts

Midletown, 28th day of Dec^r, 1776.

ELIAKIM HALL,
AMOS MEAD.

Rev. War, v, 193.

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Whereas the regiment raised by order of this Assembly in May last under the command of Colo. Andrew Ward was originally designed to have been stationed at Boston, and it being apprehended their service would be less difficult than that of those raised for the northern and New York departments, and on that account had a less premium granted them than the other troops, but the public service requiring it, said regiment has been sent to and done duty with the other troops in the New York department, where they are yet serving, and by their inlistment are holden till May next; and whereas they are also destitute of sufficient and warm cloathing for the winter season and at great distance from their home &c. as is also represented and moved in their behalf by the colonel of said regiment,*

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That all the non-commission officers and soldiers of said regiment who shall faithfully serve out their term or shall be hereafter regularly discharged, shall be allowed and receive a premium of thirty shillings in addition to the sum they were entituled to on their inlistment.

And it is further resolved, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to request his Excellency General Washington to furnish said regiment with all necessary and comfortable cloathing out of the continental store as soon as may be; and in case he shall not be able, that [he] would, if consistent with the public safety, permit said regiment to return to a post east of Hudson's River as near as may be to this State, that they may be better enabled to obtain necessary cloathing from their friends or otherwise.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Joseph Hopkins and Samuel Bisop jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to purchase at the most reasonable terms for the use of this State a certain fifty-acre lot, called Wadsworth's Grant, situate in the town of Salisbury, of the owner thereof, and take a deed thereof to the Governor and Company of this State. But if the owner of said lot refuseth to dispose of the same, then said committee are directed to agree with the owner for and purchase the wood now growing thereon at such sum as they shall judge just and reasonable. And the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby ordered to draw upon the Treasurer for such sum as shall be necessary for the purposes aforesaid in favour of said committee appointed as aforesaid, for which they shall render and settle their accounts with said Pay-Table.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that there are sundry old useless cannon now in the towns of New London, Saybrook &c., which will be of service to work up into bar-iron &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Nathaniel Shaw jun^{r} and Doct^{r} Samuel Field be and

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*Col. Ward's letter is dated Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Dec. 24, 1776.—*Rev. War*, v, 189.

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they are hereby appointed a committee to inspect said cannon and to sell such of them as shall be unfit for further service to any person who shall appear to purchase the same, and to render their account &c.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly by the selectmen of the town of New Haven, that flags of truce from the enemy are frequently passing in the harbour of that town for the purpose of exchanging prisoners; and whereas it is represented provisions and intelligence may be conveyed to Long Island by persons inimical to this State, especially in the defenceless situation of that harbour on account of the removal of the cannon from the fort,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. Thomson be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to replace three cannon, the property of said town, in the fort abovementioned, and also at the direction of the said Colonel Thomson to cause a sufficient number of men of his company to be stationed there for the purpose of managing said cannon from time to time as occasion may require; and that no flag of truce, vessell or water carriage of any kind be permitted by the commander of said fort to pass without express licence from some proper authority.

And it is further resolved, That said company shall be allowed at the rate of nine pence *per diem* for billeting themselves in lieu of rations and other provisions.

Resolved by this Assembly, That John Avery jun^r of Preston be and he is hereby appointed in addition to the committee appointed to procure and purchase fire-arms in this State agreeable to the acts and resolves of this Assembly heretofore made.

Whereas there is in the care of the committee appointed by this Assembly to improve the furnace at Midletown five thousand one hundred and forty weight of lead, which with all the other lead in this State ought to be forthwith prepared in the best manner for the use and safety of the same,

Resolved by this Assembly, That said committee be and they are hereby directed to procure the lead in their care to be cast into bullets of suitable and various sizes and see the same properly stored, and return an account of the weight thereof to the Committee of Pay-Table by the first day of March next; and the said Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to transmit an account of the same with a particular account of the quantity of bullets which shall be returned to them by the selectmen of the several towns in this State as soon as may be to his Honor the Governor, who with his Council of Safety are requested to make an equal distribution of such bullets to the several towns according to their lists, and publish or give notice thereof, so that each town may find and obtain their proportion thereof.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Samuel Russell of Midletown be and he is added to and appointed one of the committee to

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procure lead for the use of this State and to carry on and work the lead mine in said Midletown for that purpose.

Whereas the article of cannon is of great importance and indispensably necessary in warlike preparations for offence or defence and much of ours has in the last campaign fallen into the hands of our enemies so as to render them scarce and this State is also applyed to by the Honble Continental Congress for a large number to be sent to the northern forts and for the ships, and they are also greatly needed for our more immediate defence, and there appears no way to obtain them but by our foundery at Salisbury, and there is danger that the furnace there will soon be blown out and stopped unless effectual measures are immediately taken to continue the blast and the manufacturing and casting of cannon as long as possible: Therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Mr. Benjamin Henshaw be and he is hereby appointed and directed to repair forthwith to Salisbury and apply to Colo. Joshua Porter, manager of said foundery, and afford him all the assistance in his power, to enquire into the circumstances of said furnace and foundery, and to see what is necessary to be done, and use his utmost endeavour in conjunction with said Porter to remove every difficulty and obstruction in the way of continuing said furnace in blast and assist in providing as soon as may be needfull all necessary workmen, materials and implements of every kind requisite for carrying on said business; and they are to leave nothing practicable and reasonable unattempted to promote, carry on and continue the casting of cannon there of such size and dimensions as shall from time to time be directed by his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety; and to continue there as long as shall appear needfull, and to make report of what he shall find and do to this Assembly in their present session or in their recess to the Governor and Council of Safety.

Whereas it is of the greatest importance for the safety and defence of this and the United States of America, that the foundery of cannon should be continued at Salisbury, and in order thereto that some proper persons should be appointed to procure and furnish wood and coal and other materials for that purpose,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. Joshua Porter be and he is hereby appointed to continue to take the care and oversight of carrying on and directing the casting of said cannon and of forwarding the same as the Governor and Council of Safety shall from to time direct him.

And that said furnace may be supplyed with wood and coal in the most effectual manner,

It is further resolved, That Mr. Benjamin Henshaw, Mr. Hezekiah Fitch and Mr. Lott Norton be and they are hereby appointed with full power to take the wood standing upon a certain fifty acre lot in said

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Salisbury now or lately the property of James Wadsworth, Esqr, for the purpose aforesaid, and cause the same to be cut and measured and also to be apprized by two or three indifferent men under oath and pay the owner or owners thereof the full sum at which the same shall be apprized as aforesaid. And said committee are also further directed to take the whole care and charge of procuring and furnishing wood and coal and deliver the same at said furnace, and for that purpose to employ all necessary wood-cutters, colliers, teams and carters, and other necessary materials, in said town of Salisbury or any of the neighboring towns, and keep clear entries of their doings and settle and render their account with the Committee of the Pay-Table, who are directed to give orders upon the Treasurer for the monies necessary to enable said gentlemen to execute the business of their said appointment.

Whereas Colo. Joshua Porter was by this Assembly in their present sessions appointed to superintend the cannon-foundery at Salisbury and Messrs. Hezekiah Fitch and Lott Norton were appointed to procure coal, oar, &c. for said foundery, which is found to be inexpedient and not so likely to answer the good purpose designed, and it is of importance that every possible measure should be adopted by this Assembly to carry on said foundery,

Therefore resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. Joshua Porter, Messrs. Benjamin Henshaw and William Whiting be and they are hereby appointed a committee, or any two of them, with full power and authority effectually to prosecute the casting of cannon &c. at said foundery for the use of this State, and also to purchase such quantities of rum, salt &c. as they shall judge profitable to enable them in the best manner to execute said purpose, the profits of the sale thereof to be appropriated to the use of this State; and also a sufficient number of blankets for the use of the workmen; and that the Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer for a sum sufficient for said purpose.

And it is further resolved, That the said Colonel Joshua Porter and Mr. Lott Norton be directed to state and exhibit a just and fair account of the avails of said foundery while they improved it for their own particular use and benefit, together with the reasons of their improving it, to this Assembly at their present sessions.

Whereas there are various representations of the state and circumstances of the cannon-foundery at Salisbury and several steps have been taken by this Assembly for pursuing that business through the present winter season, and finding difficulties yet attending the management thereof and may from time [to time] arise, which this Assembly not having time and as it may be not opportunity to adjust:

Resolved therefore by this Assembly, That the further conduct, management and direction of said foundery be and the same is hereby

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referred to his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety, who are authorized and impowered to consider, regulate and give all necessary orders and directions concerning the same and appoint any suitable person or persons to oversee, conduct and carry on said business from time to time as they shall think proper and as occasion shall require: always subject to the control of the General Assembly.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that the troops that marched under the command of General Wooster in the year 1775, and also that Colo. Ward's and Waterbury's regiments that marched to New York in the year 1776, were billeted upon the inhabitants of the towns of Norwalk, Stamford and Greenwich in their said march, and that the said inhabitants have applyed to Samuel Squire, Esqr, commissary for this State, to pay the accounts &c. for billeting said troops, and said Squire has entirely neglected to pay said accounts though often desired: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Squire be and he is hereby directed and required forthwith to receive the aforesaid accounts for billeting said troops and exhibit them to the Committee of the Pay-Table for adjustment, and procure an order on the Treasurer to receive such sums as shall be found due on said accounts and pay the same to said inhabitants in satisfaction of their respective demands.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety be and they are hereby authorized and directed to employ couriers and affix their stages, according to the recommendation of the Honble Committee of the States of New England at their meeting in Providence, December, 1776.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table draw orders upon the Treasurer in favour of the commanding officer of the battalion or several battalions of voluntiers now called upon to march in the defence of their country for such sum or sums as shall be sufficient to enable them to advance to each non-commission officer and soldier the sum of forty shillings (including the sum ordered to be advanced them by a former resolve of this Assembly) to assist them on their march: to render their account of the same.

It being represented to this Assembly that the keeping and confining such prisoners in the goal of the county of Hartford is attended with great difficulty, by reason of their intercourse with inimical persons from without, whereby sundry escapes have happened and great disadvantage as well as expence has accrued to this State,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That a proper guard, not to exceed the number of fourteen men under the command of one ensign commandant and one serjeant, the number to be at the discretion of the sheriff of said county and the Committee of the Pay-Table, be inlisted and engaged to keep guard at and about said prison for

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such term as they shall find and judge to be necessary; and such guard shall carefully and diligently attend the duty assigned them by said sheriff and committee, and obey the orders of said commandant on pain of forfeiting their pay and wages and such other punishment as this Assembly shall think just and reasonable. And the officers and soldiers of such guard shall be exempted from any other military duty and allowed during the time of their service such pay and wages as the said sheriff and committee shall agree upon and to be approved by the Governor and Council of Safety; and the ensign of said guard shall be appointed by the Governor and Council of Safety and commissioned by his Honor.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be authorized and desired to draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of Lieut. Colo. Elisha Sheldon, commandant of a regiment of cavalry ordered to be raised by the Honble Congress, for the sum of ten thousand pounds money of this State, being in compliance with the request of his Excellency General Washington to said Governor, by his letter dated December 16th, 1776, to furnish him, said Sheldon, with what money he may want out of the treasury of this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all proprietors of powder-mills within this State shall and they are hereby directed and enjoined to make, execute and lodge with the Treasurer of this State at or before the first day of March next a bond, with sufficient surety, to the Governor and Company in the penal sum of two thousand pounds, L. money, conditioned that such proprietor or proprietors shall account to said Governor and Company for all the saltpetre being the property of said State which he or they shall receive to manufacture into gunpowder for their use; and if any such proprietor shall neglect to comply with this order and injunction he or they shall be liable to be amerced by and at the discretion of this Assembly.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly by Capt. Oliver Hanchett who commanded a company under General Arnold against Quebeck in December last, that after he and several of his officers and soldiers were captivated in the attack then made upon that city, one James Knowles, the ensign of said company applied to the general and pay-master in the northern department and drew the whole of the pay and wages due to said company; that the said Knowles instead of doing justice to the said company hath squandered and imbezzled their said monies and refused to do them justice therein; that he is now gone off to engage in privateering and is insolvent and said company are like to be greatly wronged and defrauded, and thereby a great discouragement brought upon the service of the United States:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby appointed with full power to enquire into the

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several matters complained of, and find what and how much there is due to said company for wages and allowances while in the service of the United States, and how far they received of the said Knowles, and make report thereon to the next General Assembly, and that in the meantime the said committee apply to Maj^{r} General Spencer at Providence, or any other civil or military authority in any of the United States, and request and obtain if it may be that the said Knowles be apprehended and returned into this State and held to answer to the matters alledged as aforesaid.

Upon the report of a committee on the memorial of Maj^{r} Ebenezer Backus in behalf of himself and the officers and privates under his command in the corps of light-horse lately employed in the continental service, &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to transmit to the Honble Continental Congress a copy of said memorial with a copy of his Excellency General Washington's request by virtue of which the light-horse under the command of said Backus was sent from this State and the General's correspondence on said subject together with a copy of the General's dismission to said Maj^{r} Backus and his corps, requesting said Congress to settle and determine the pay and allowances the said Maj^{r} Backus and his corps should receive for their said services; and the Delegates of this State are hereby instructed to forward this application and transmit a return as soon as possible.

This Assembly do appoint Maj^{r} General David Wooster, Esqr to be first Major General over the whole militia of this State.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Jabez Huntington, Esqr, to be second Major General over the whole militia of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Erastus Wolcott, Esqr, to be Brigadier General of the first brigade of the militia of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Brig^{dr} General James Wadsworth ju. Esqr, to be Brigadier General of the second brigade of the militia of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, to be Brigadier General of the third brigade of the militia of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Gold Selleck Silliman, Esqr, to be Brigadier General of the fourth brigade of the militia of this State.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr, to be Brigadier General of the fifth brigade of the militia of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Brig^{dr} General Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, to be Brigadier General of the sixth brigade of the militia of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Jeremiah Mason, Esqr, Colonel of the twelfth regiment of militia, in the room of William Williams, Esqr, resigned.

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This Assembly do appoint Joel Jones, Esqr, Lieutenant Colonel of the twelfth regiment of militia, in the room of Jeremiah Mason, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. James Clark Major of the twelfth regiment of militia, in the room of Joel Jones, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Nathaniel Terry, Esqr, Lieutenant Colonel of the 19th regiment of militia, in the room of George Pitkin, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Wells, Esqr, of Hartford, Major of the 19th regiment of militia, in the room of Nathaniel Terry, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Bull, Esqr, to be Major of the fifth regiment of troops of horse in this State, in the room of Elisha Sheldon, jun^{r}, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint William Danielson, Esqr, Colonel of the 11th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Colo. Ebenezer Williams, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel McClellan, Esqr, Lieutenant Colonel of the eleventh regiment of militia in this State, in the room of William Danielson, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Joseph Abbott to be Major of the 11th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Maj^{r} McClellan, promoted.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Bacon to be Lieutenant of a troop of light horse in the first regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Grave to be Quarter Master of a troop of light horse in the first regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Miller to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Buell to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Buell jun^{r} to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Lankton to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Franciss to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Hotchkiss to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Brainerd to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 23^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Bezaleel Bristol to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Pierson to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Josiah Dewey to be Ensign of a company of veterans in the town of Canterbury.

This Assembly do establish Robert Wells jun^{r} to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Smith to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Brainerd to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Wood 2^{d} to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 22^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Noah Dickinson to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 22^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Olmsted to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Felt jun^{r} to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 22^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Lord to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abijah Starling to be Captain of a company or trainband in the parish of Stratfield in the fourth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish George Philips jun^{r} to be Captain of the light infantry company in the 23^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Bull to be Lieutenant of the light infantry company in the 23^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Willard Wright to be Ensign of the light infantry company in the 23^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Johnson to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish George Way to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Duncan to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abel Hall to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Lay to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Hall to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Brooks to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 23^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Chamberlain to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 23^{d} regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Bebee to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Job Wright to be Captain of the 4th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Peter Kelley to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Paul Brigham to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Terrill to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel White to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Bulkley to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jared Cone to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Bennett to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Skinner to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asaph Trumbull to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Talcott to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Williams to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Brainerd to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Loomiss to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eleazer Huntington to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Clark to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dan Storrs to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eli Reed to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Slason to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Waterman to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elihu Thomas to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Maccaul to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lee Lay to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Silvanus Smith to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Howe junr to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Abraham Heusted to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Mead 3d to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elias Bliss to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Dunham to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Woodworth to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Clark to be Captain of the tenth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Israel Williams Lieutenant of the tenth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Malachi Thomas to be Ensign of the tenth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Ventres to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Arnold to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Wells to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Wells to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Hale to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Smith to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Day to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Jewet to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dan Throop to be Captain of a troop of horse in the second regiment of light horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Fitch to be Lieutenant of a troop of horse in the second regiment of light horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Thomson junr, to be Cornet of a troop of horse in the second regiment of light horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gamaliel Little to be Quarter Master of a troop of horse in the second regiment of light horse in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Major Roger Newberry to be one of the committee for overseeing and taking care of NewGate Prison, instead of Capt. Josiah Bissell deceased.

This Assembly do appoint Andrew Adams, Esqr, Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Litchfield, untill the first of June next, in the the room of Reuben Smith, Esqr, resigned.

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This Assembly do appoint John Watrous, Esqr, to be Judge of Probate for the district of East Haddam untill the first day of June next, in the room of Daniel Brainard, Esqr, deceased.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Gordon Surveyor of Lands within and for the county of Westmoreland.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Marvin to be Surveyor of Lands for the county of Hartford.

Whereas the exigencies of this State and the public require a considerable supply of the treasury,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That a tax of four pence on the pound on the general list of polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State brought into this Assembly in October, 1775, with the additions, be laid and collected as soon as possible, and paid into the treasury of this State at or before the tenth day of May next; and the Treasurer is ordered forthwith to send out his warrants accordingly, therein also directing the constables not to enforce the collection immediately on such as are not now of sufficient ability to discharge the same.

Whereas upon the memorial of Mathew Talcott, Esqr, and others, preferred to this Assembly in May, 1772, praying that buoys and marks might be erected in Connecticut River pointing out the shoals and bars, so that the navigation in said river might be rendered more safe; and as it was resolved that the memorialists have liberty to set up and carry on a lottery or lotterys amounting to such a sum as by drawing at least ten *per cent.* out of each prize the whole might raise the sum of three hundred and thirty-seven pounds, and the managers to be liable for the payment of the prize tickets signed by them: the sum of three hundred pounds raised by said lottery to be paid into the hands of a committee or company that should thereafter be appointed for carrying said design into execution, and thirty-seven pounds thereof to Capt. Abner Parker; and Matthew Talcott, Esqr, Richard Alsop and John Chenevard of Hartford, and Ebenezer Plummer of Glastonbury and Silas Dean of Weathersfield were appointed managers of said lottery: And whereas upon another memorial of the said Mathew Talcott, Esqr, and others, at Hartford in May, 1773, shewing that the said sum of three hundred and thirty-seven pounds would be too small to attain the ends in said act proposed, this Assembly did resolve that the said memorialists should have liberty to set up and carry on a lottery or lotteries amounting to such sum as by drawing at least ten *per cent.* out of each prize or out of the whole may raise the sum of five hundred and thirty-seven pounds, and that the same persons named as managers in said former act be managers of this lottery, subject to the same restrictions, regulations and provisions in said former act contained and provided,

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Resolved by this Assembly, That Doctr John Dickinson and Colo. Thomas Belding be a committee with full powers to receive of said managers the sums raised by said lottery into their hands and the same safely keep in their hands untill further orders from this Assembly, and also to receive, adjust and settle the accounts of said managers respecting said lottery, and make report to this or some future session of the General Assembly.

Upon the motion and representation of the inhabitants of the first society in the town of Glastonbury made to this Assembly in June last, shewing that a division of the military company in said town was necessary and would be of public conveniency and utility, and tend to promote peace among said inhabitants, whereupon a committee was then appointed to repair to said society, view the circumstances and situation of said military company and the limits thereof, and hear all parties concerned, and make report thereon &c.; and said committee having now reported it as their opinion that said military company ought to be divided by certain lines and limits &c. which report is accepted and approved &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That said military company shall and the same is hereby divided into two distinct military companys by the following lines and limits, to wit: By a line to begin at the highway in Main street running through said society eastward in the line dividing between the late Capt. Jonathan Hale's, deceased, land and the land now in the possession of Gideon Hale to the bounds of the society of Eastbury, and to run westward from said highway or main street in the line dividing between Gideon Hale's and David Hale's land to Connecticut River; and all those living north of said line shall be and remain one separate distinct military company called and known by the name of the third military company in the sixth regiment of militia; and all those living on the south of said line shall be and remain one distinct separate military company and called and known by the name of the seventh military company in the sixth regiment of militia in this State. And whereas that part of said company on the north of said line have already made choice of their officers, it is therefore resolved, that said choice be and the same is hereby approved, and the colonel of said regiment is hereby directed to cause proper warning to be given to lead that part of said company on the south of said line to the choice of commission officers, and make return thereof as soon as may be to this Assembly.

Whereas it appears to this Assembly upon information made by Samuel Abbott, lieutenant colonel of the 20th regiment of militia within this State, that Jacob Perkins, captain of the first military company in said regiment, and Samuel Wheat, captain of the second company of militia in said regiment, did altogether refuse to obey an order of his Honor the Governor and the subsequent order of their said colonel

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requiring them respectively to muster and march their several companies for the service and defence of this State,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a warrant directed to some proper officer, requiring him forthwith to arrest the bodies of the aforesaid Jacob Perkins and Samuel Wheat and them have forthwith before this Assembly at their present or next sessions, to answer to the matters contained in said information and to be dealt with thereon as to law and justice appertains.

Whereas this Assembly since the foregoing resolve have received satisfactory information from Lieut. Colo. Abbott that the within named Jacob Perkins and Samuel Wheat have acknowledged their fault in disobeying or rather hesitating and delaying draughting the fourth part of the militia in their respective companies according to order to them given and have since complied with their orders, declaring themselves sorry for their fault and imprudence and that they are now ready on all occasions to defend their country with their lives and fortunes: Whereupon this Assembly, ready to forgive, have and do hereby revoke the aforesaid resolve, and order all proceedings against the said Perkins and Wheat to cease and be discontinued.

Upon the memorial of Erastus Wolcott, Esqr, colonel of the regiment of troops stationed at New London and the sea coast in the year 1776, praying that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to make some allowance for paying of the companies in said regiment with twenty shillings premium to the soldiers that inlisted after the second of July, 1776, without any deduction from their wages &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to allow twenty shillings premium to each man not being in the matross companies that inlisted after the 2^{d} day of July, 1776, into the companies of said regiment raised by order of the Governor and Council of Safety, and that said committee allow the wages in full to all the men in said regiment that did not supply themselves with arms, without deducting anything therefrom on that account.

Whereas the seventh military company in the sixth regiment in this State have refused to proceed to the choice of officers for said company agreeable to an order of this Assembly issued for that purpose: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the Secretary do and he is hereby directed forthwith to issue a warrant directed to some proper officer to summon said military company and each of them to appear before this Assembly at their present or next sessions, to answer for their disobedience in the premises and to be further dealt with as shall appear fit and right thereon.

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Upon the memorial of Jonathan Wells, Esqr, of Glastonbury, shewing to this Assembly that he preferred his memorial to the General Assembly in March, 1775, therein alledging that by reason of great losses and misfortunes he is greatly embarrassed in his person and estate, praying for relief &c., on which said Assembly by a resolve did exempt the person and estate of the memorialist from arrests untill the rising of the Assembly in May then next, that he and his creditors might prefer their petition for a special act of insolvency; that the state of public affairs hath been such ever since that no business of that nature hath since been transacted, and that the General Assembly in May last did revive and continue said protection untill the rising of the Assembly in October then next; and praying that the same may be renewed and continued untill the rising of the Assembly in May next: Resolved by this Assembly, that the person and estate of the said Jonathan Wells, Esqr, shall and the same is hereby protected from arrest and attachments untill the rising of this Assembly in May next, and his body during said time shall be exempted from imprisonment for any debt, and that he shall not in the meantime sell or dispose of any part of his estate either real or personal, and that he and his creditors have liberty to prefer their petition to said Assembly in May next, that what is right may be done in the premises.

Upon the memorial of Ezra Hawley and others, inhabitants of the town of Stratford, representing to this Assembly that they are exposed to the depredations of the enemy &c.; praying this Assembly to station a guard of twenty-five men at NewField Harbour in said Stratford, as per memorial dated January 14th, 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that a guard of twenty-five men be stationed at said NewField Harbour under the command of one lieutenant and two serjeants, and that they have an order to receive at the foundery at Salisbury two cannon, four-pounders, to be mounted on proper carriages, with a sufficient quantity of shot and also an order for a sufficient quantity of powder, and that Mr. Aaron Hawley be and he is appointed Lieutenant to command said party.

Upon the memorial of John Richardson of Lebanon, a soldier in Capt. Clark's company in Colo. Sage's regiment, shewing to this Assembly that he was taken sick in New York whilst on service, and from thence removed by order of authority to recover his health, which is not yet accomplished; that he was returned as a deserter because not able to return to service before the term of inlistment was expired, whereby he is deprived of his wages and has lost the cost of his sickness &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby ordered to receive and adjust an account of the wages of the memorialist and allow him what is due thereon, taking care that he account for his arms &c., together with the reasonable expence of his sickness

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and his marching money untill he returned home, and charge the same to the continent.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Belding and Abraham Gillett, soldiers in the company of Capt. Abraham Pettibone and Major Simeon Strong's regiment lately in the service of this State in the army at New York representing the necessity they were under of returning home by means of sickness, with the permission of their captain, only without a regular discharge, and of their continuing unfit for duty long after the discharge of said regiment; praying that their wages may be granted them from the time of their march till their return home, which hitherto they have not received in whole or in part; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed upon application of the memorialists to adjust the matters referred to in the memorial, and in favour of the memorialists to draw on the Treasurer for such sum or sums as shall be found justly due to each of them, respectively, for their wages and pay for the aforesaid term untill they severally returned home.

Upon the memorial of John McKey of Norwalk, shewing to this Assembly that before the superior court of this State held at Fairfield on the 25th day of June last he, the said memorialist, was adjudged guilty of being inimical to the united American States, and thereupon was sentenced by said superior court to be confined in the common goal in Litchfield for the space of one year; that in pursuance thereof was committed to said goal, where he still remains; that he was induced to commit the facts alledged against him from the artfull endeavors of sundry persons unfriendly to the liberties of the American States, representing terror &c.; that said memorialist is sensible of his folly, has retracted, is now friendly to the liberties of these States and determined to behave and conduct himself accordingly; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be and he is hereby ordered to be removed from the goal in which he is now confined to the town of East Haddam in this State, there [to] remain under the inspection, care and direction of the selectmen of said town of East Haddam untill the further order of this Assembly be given accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Timothy Cheeney, shewing to this Assembly that in consequence of an order from the Captain General of this State he marched in the month of August last with the company of militia under his command to the relief of the continental army then in New York; that after his arrival at New York aforesaid he was directed by his Honor the Governor, signifyed to the commanding officer of the regiment to which he belonged, that it was necessary he should be released from said service that he might make granulating

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sieves for the purpose of making powder &c.; that he accordingly did return home by permit &c. and was in said service the space of three weeks, and that his name was omitted to be inserted in the pay-roll made up for said company, and so without any fault of his he has lost the wages and allowances justly his due &c.; praying that allowance may be made him &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be directed and they are hereby directed to receive and adjust the accounts of the allowances and wages that may appear due and draw on the Treasurer for what they shall find to be due thereon to the memorialist and charge the same to the continental accounts.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Ely of Lyme, shewing to this Assembly that he was a listed soldier in Capt. Bingham's company in the regiment under the command of Colo. Selden in the continental army in the last campaign; that he faithfully served therein till by reason of sickness on the ninth of December last he was properly discharged, but by mistake was returned a deserter and thereby prevented from his wages, to the distress of his family, &c., as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to settle and adjust the wages due to said Jacob Ely to the time of his discharge aforesaid, he accounting for his arms, and that they give orders on the Treasurer for the payment of the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Moses Hide of Lebanon, shewing to this Assembly that on the 17th day of August last he marched in and with a company of militia or voluntiers whereof Walter Hide of said Lebanon was captain, since deceased, to New York by order of the Captain General of this State, and that he faithfully discharged his duty as a soldier untill the 12th day of September following, at which time said captain being sick he, said memorialist, by order attended said captain to the town of Greenwich and untill he dyed there, which was the 18th of said September, and then being sick himself and at a great distance from the regiment to which he belonged and unable to apply to the commanding officer for a regular discharge, set forth for and returned home on the 22d of the same month, and continued sick and weak for and untill after said regiment was dismissed and returned home, but that for want of such discharge from the commanding officer he, the said Moses, has not nor could draw any pay with said company, and praying to have such allowance of wages and marching money as other soldiers had and received for the time said petitioner was so in service; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Moses Hide be allowed his pay for wages and marching money as a soldier in said company for the time he was in service as aforesaid; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are impowered to adjust and allow the same and order payment thereof from the treas-

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ury accordingly upon application to them made and charge the same to the continent.

Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Thrall, administratrix on the estate of Timothy Thrall late of Windsor, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialist together with Josiah Bissell, Esqr, were by this Assembly in November last appointed to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as would raise the sum of £236. 7. 5, &c., and that since said appointment the said Josiah has deceas'd, said business not being accomplished; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Josiah Allyn be and he is hereby appointed and fully impowered together with the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd Timothy Thrall as will be sufficient to raise said sum aforesaid &c., with the same powers and under the same regulations as directed in said resolve of Assembly in November last.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Hide of Lebanon, shewing to this Assembly that on the 17th day of August last he, being a drummer, marched in and with a company of voluntiers whereof Walter Hide of said Lebanon, late deceas'd, was captain, to New York by order of the Capt. General of this State, and that he faithfully discharged his duty as a drummer untill the 12th day of September following, at which time said captain being sick he, the said Daniel, by order attended said captain to the town of Greenwich and there continued untill the death of said captain, which was the 18th of said September, and then being sick himself and at a great distance from the regiment to which he belonged and unable to apply to the commanding officer for a regular discharge, set forth for and returned home by the 22^{d} of the same month, and continued sick and weak untill after said regiment was dismissed and returned home, but that for want of such discharge from the commanding officer he, the said Daniel, has not nor could draw any pay with said company; and praying to have such allowance of wages and marching money as other drummers were allowed for the time said petitioner was so in service; as per memorial on file: Therefore, resolved by this Assembly, that the said Daniel Hide be allowed his pay for wages and marching money as other drummers for the time he was in said service as aforesaid; and the Committee of Pay-Table are impowered to adjust and allow the same and order payment thereof from the treasury accordingly upon application to them made, and charge the same to the continent.

Upon the memorial of the town of Hartland by their representatives, Phineas Kingsbury and Joseph Wilder, shewing that Mr. Uriel Holmes, who was their collector legally chosen to collect a rate of two pence upon the acre upon the lands of said Hartland granted by this Assembly in May last, is in the army, and by reason thereof has not

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nor can collect said tax, and that said town at their legal meeting on the 12th day of December, 1776, made choice of Eleazer Ensign to collect said rates or tax in the room of said Holmes; praying that said Ensign be impowered to collect said tax pursuant to said choice; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Eleazer Ensign be and he is hereby impowered to collect said twopenny tax in the room of said Holmes, and that he be accountable therefor in the same manner as other collectors of rates are.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Crane, Jehiel Everts and Elisha Crane, selectmen of the town of Killingworth, praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of Sylvanus Kelcey, an impotent person belonging to said Killingworth under the care of the selectmen of said town, as shall raise the sum of £23. 15. 6 and the charges of sale, for the payment of £14 18 6 due for his pass'd support, £3 17 0 due for sundry taxes, and £5 0 0 for his future suport; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Mr. Aaron Kelcey of said Killingworth hath liberty and authority is hereby given to him to make sale of so much of the real estate of said Silvanus as will raise the sum of £23 15 6, L. money, and the incident charges of such sale; taking the advice of the selectmen therein; and the money so raised to be put into the hands of said selectmen, to be by them applied for the purposes aforesaid and to render their account thereof when required.

Upon the memorial of Benedict Arnold, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, for himself and the rest of the heirs of the estate of Samuel Mansfield late of said New Haven, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that said Mansfield was in his life time indebted to one James Waugh, of London in the island of Great Britain, by note bearing date December 10th, 1763, for the sum of £72 4 5, sterling; and said note was in said Mansfield's life time put in suit and judgment was had and obtained thereon against said Mansfield, which execution was never satisfyed but run out in the hands of the sheriff who had said execution, and that judgment and execution has been obtained against said sheriff for not collecting the sums due on said execution, which execution is now in force and said sheriff is liable to pay the sums due on said execution; and praying this Assembly, as said Waugh is an inhabitant of the island of Great Britain, to order that all further prosecution on any of said executions be staid till the further order of this Assembly; as per memorial dated January 8th 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that all further proceedings in law or equity on the aforesaid executions be suspended and staid till the further order of this Assembly; and all officers and other persons concerned are to take notice of this resolve and conform thereto.

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Whereas the authority and selectmen of the town of Killingworth in the county of New London have represented to this Assembly that the several officers by law appointed to make choice of suitable persons for tavern-keepers, taking into consideration the necessity of increasing the number of tavern-keepers in the town of Killingworth for the reception and comfortable supply of soldiers and others who travel on occasion of our present troubles, at their meeting on the 6th day of January instant made choice of Messrs. Samuel Crane and Hiel Buell to keep houses of entertainment; and as there will not be any county court holden in the county of New London where licences may be issued soon enough to answer the ends for which they were chosen, praying that they may be licensed accordingly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Crane and Hiel Buell be and they are hereby licensed and authorized to keep houses of public entertainment within the town of Killingworth from the 16th day of January, 1777, untill licence may be had and obtained from the county court to be holden at New London in June next.

Upon the memorial of Anthony Judd of Farmington, a soldier belonging to the company under the command of Lieutenant John Lankton of said town, shewing that in pursuance of the orders of his Honor the Governor he did on the 15th day of August last set out on his march to join the continental army then at New York; that he was immediately taken sick and rendered unfit for duty on his arrival at that place; that his extream weakness rendered it unsafe for him to take benefit of general orders for the discharge of the sick when he might have obtained it; that he was afterwards unhappily refused a discharge upon the arrival of a friend to assist him in his return; that urged by necessity he did however commit himself to the care of his friend, by whose assistance he arrived home on the 26th of September last; that he continued sick long after his regiment was discharged; and praying for his wages, mileage and expences of sickness during the term of his service, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed on proper application to them made by the memorialist, to liquidate and adjust the accounts of his wages, mileage and cost of sickness from the said 15th day of August till his return home, he accounting for his arms &c., and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall find justly due to him accordingly.

Upon the information of Samuel Chapman, Esqr, colonel of the twenty-second regiment of militia in this State, representing to this Assembly that after said regiment per order marched for the relief and aid of the continental army in August last, one Paul Blogget, a captain of a company in said regiment, in September last while in said service presumed to forge a paper purporting a discharge to himself, with the name of General Wadsworth set to the same, by and

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under pretence of which said Blogget attempted to cross Harlem River in a secret and clandestine manner, with a view to desert said service, in which he was disgraced and rendered himself unworthy of any further command in said regiment &c.; as per complaint on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Secretary is directed and authorized to issue a warrant for arresting the body of him, the said Bloggett, and cause him to be brought before the General Assembly of this State in its next session, to answer to the matters aforesaid and be dealt with therein as to law and justice appertains.

On the memorial of Ezra Bevin of Chatham, administrator on the estate of Henry Goodale late of said Chatham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate, together with some allowance to the widow, surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £41 17 11, and thereupon prays for liberty to sell lands &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby given him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £41 17 11 together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of David Morse of Preston, shewing to this Assembly that he was a soldier in Colo. Huntington's regiment the year past and was discharged in July last by General Spencer, since which he has been at great cost in coming home and in time of sickness &c.; praying that the same may be paid to him, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, to grant to the memorialist the sum of thirteen shillings and sixpence, and the same is hereby granted to him on said memorial; and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this State pay to Major Ebenezer Backus the sum of eighteen hundred pounds, to be by him used in paying the troops of light horse who marched under his command in September last to the relief of General Washington's army at New York, and to the troops of such horse who marched again under his command to the State of Rhode Island in December last by order of his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety on the appearance of the enemy's fleet and army which have since invaded and possessed themselves of Rhode Island. And said Backus is ordered to pay out the same to the horsemen who marched to each and either of said places as aforesaid in proper and just proportion: said sum to be accounted for on settlement of the account and payroll of said troops on each of said marches and their several services as aforesaid; which account and rolls he is directed to make out and exhibit to the Committee of Pay-Table as soon as may be, that the

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same may be adjusted and settled according to such rule as may be given by Congress and the amount charged and obtained from the continental treasury: he, said Backus, first giving bond with sufficient surety to be taken by said Committee of Pay-Table in manner and form as usual for pay-masters in similar cases.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Beach of Goshen, shewing to this Assembly that since the repeal of the late law granting a premium for destroying wolves they have increased and done much damage by killing sheep in said Goshen, and consequently he having expended considerable in time and money for that purpose hath since the first day of May last taken, killed and destroyed three grown wolves in said Goshen; praying for such sum of money to be paid him out of the public treasury of this State as he would have been entituled to receive had said act never been repealed; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to receive the sum of twelve pounds lawfull money, and the Treasurer of this State is hereby ordered and directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Ward jun^r of Midletown in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that he belonged to and marched with the militia to New York by order of the Governor in August last, and that while there he was badly wounded by a flash of lightning striking a house in which he was &c.; and that he has been at the expence of £12 9 1, for doctoring &c.; praying for relief &c., as by memorial on file dated the 25th day of December, 1776, may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw an order on the Treasurer to pay out of the public treasury the sum of £12 9 1 unto him the said Stephen Ward jun^r; and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Glastonbury, shewing to this Assembly that said inhabitants in legal town-meeting voted to repair the highways in said town by a tax on the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants; praying for such liberty, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and the same is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said Glastonbury to tax the polls and rateable estate within said town to raise such sums of money as they shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways within said township and annually, or from time to time as occasion shall require, by the selectmen or a committee by said town appointed for that purpose, divide the highways in said township into particular districts and assign to each surveyor a certain proportion thereof to be repaired and maintained under his special care, oversight and direction, who shall in the most convenient and proper season give notice at least three days beforehand to all the inhabitants living within his peculiar district who are or may be taxed for that purpose to attend, undertake and

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carry on the needfull repairs of the highways in such district, in such way and manner as he shall specially direct; and in case such inhabitants or any of them so warned as aforesaid shall refuse or neglect a punctual compliance therewith, it shall be the duty of such surveyors respectively to hire and employ proper persons to effect such necessary repairs in due season and shall take and make out a particular and fair account of all such services of such particular persons in repairing said highways according to orders and to his acceptance and the same present and certify to said selectmen to be by them adjusted and orders for payment drawn on the treasurer of said town.

And it is further resolved, That this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Glastonbury during the pleasure of this Assembly; and if the said town shall not grant and raise money sufficient to defray the expence of repairing the highways therein, then and in that case said highways shall be further and sufficiently repaired by force and directions of the general laws of this State respecting the repairs of highways; anything in this act notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Jedidiah Strong, in behalf of the inhabitants of the town of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that said inhabitants in legal town-meeting authorized and instructed him to make application for liberty and authority for said inhabitants to tax themselves for the purpose of repairing highways in said Litchfield; praying for such liberty &c. as per memorial on file:

Resolved by this Assembly, That liberty and authority be and the same is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said Litchfield to tax the polls and rateable estate within said town to raise such sums of money as they shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways within said township, and annually or from time to time as occasion may require by the selectmen or a committee by said town appointed for that purpose divide the highways in said township into particular districts and assign to each surveyor a certain proportion thereof to be repaired and maintained under his special care, oversight and direction, who shall in the most convenient and proper season give notice at least three days beforehand to all the inhabitants living within his peculiar district who are or may be taxed for that purpose to attend, undertake and carry on the needfull repairs of the highways in such district in such way and manner as he shall specially direct; and in case such inhabitants or any of them so warned as aforesaid shall refuse or neglect a punctual compliance therewith, it shall be the duty of such surveyors respectively to hire and employ proper persons to effect such necessary repairs in due season, and shall take and make out a particular and fair account of all such services of such particular persons in repairing said highways according to orders and to his acceptance and the same present and certify to said selectmen to be by them adjusted and orders for payment drawn on the treasurer of said town.

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And it is further resolved, That this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Litchfield during the pleasure of this Assembly; and if said town shall not grant and raise money sufficient to defray the expences of repairing the highways therein, then and in that case said highways shall be further and sufficiently repaired by force and directions of the general laws of this State respecting the repairs of highways; anything in this act notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Mathew Pickerton and James Pickerton, both of Londonderry in the State of New Hamshire, shewing that they have for a long time carryed on the linen manufacture and disposed of large quantities of linen in this State, and praying for liberty to purchase and carry out of this State five thousand weight of flax for the purpose of carrying on the manufacture aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be and the same is hereby granted to each of the memorialists, severally, to purchase and carry out of this State two hundred pounds weight of flax for the purpose aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Robert Moor, of Londonderry in the State of New Hamshire, shewing that the crop of flax in those parts has the last year been very much cut off; that he has made a long and expensive journey to this State for the purpose of procuring a quantity of that article, being ignorant that an embargo was laid upon it, and praying for liberty to purchase and carry out of this State two thousand weight of flax to said Londonderry for the use of the inhabitants of said town, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be and the same is hereby granted to the said Robert Moor to purchase in and transport out of this State four hundred weight of flax for the purpose aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Elkanah Sears, of Chatham in the county of Hartford in the State of Connecticut, executor of the last will and testament of Joseph White late of Chatham in said county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £7 18 0, L. money, for which no provision is made for the payment thereof, and praying that some suitable person might be impowered and appointed to make sale of so much of the lands of said deceas'd as shall raise the said sum of £7 18 0, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Elkanah Sears of said Chatham be and he is hereby appointed and impowered to make sale of so much of the lands of said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of £7 18 0, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale, for the purpose of making full payment of the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS Secret^y.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MIDDLETOWN, December 20th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliph^t Dyer, Benj. Huntington,
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Wm. Williams, Thos Seymour,
Titus Hosmer.

Voted, That Col. Phillips, Mr. Jauncey and his two sons, (*viz:*) Messrs. James and William Jauncey, Mr. Miller, Mr. Walton, and Mr. Hugh Wallace, in Middletown, and Messrs. Reed and Palmer, in Windham, all from the State of New York, be permitted to return home upon their giving their parole not to give any intelligence from us to the enemy; not to take up arms, nor to do or say anything against the United States of America, and to return back to this State upon being requested or called for, and remain under the direction of the Governor and Council of Safety.

Voted, That Mr. Munro, who was sent here by the Albany committee, be permitted to return to his family upon giving his written parole not to give any intelligence, nor do or say anything against the United States of America, and that he will return to this State again by the first day of March next and remain under the direction of the Governor and Council of Safety.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY DECEMBER 25th, 1776, AT MIDDLETOWN.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Benj. Huntington,
Wm. Williams, Tho. Seymour,
Wm. Hillhouse.

Voted, To refer an account of Col. William Pitkin to the Committee of Pay-Table for adjustment, and to draw on the Treasurer for what they shall find justly due &c.

Voted, That Messrs. Burting Waddle Corsey Whitehead Betts and be permitted to return to their places of abode in the State of N. York, upon their giving their parole in writing not to give any intelligence, nor do or say anything against the service of the American States, and return back to this State on being requested.

Voted, To permit Terrence McDermott, a prisoner of war in this State, to go to N. York on his parole for thirty-one days, and then to return and deliver himself up unless within that time he obtained the liberty of some gentleman of equal rank in the American service in exchange for him &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, DECEMBER 26th, 1776, MIDDLETOWN.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esq^rs.
Wm Williams, Benj. Huntington, }

Sundry officers were appointed in the continental service instead of others that refused, as appears by the lists and arrangements.

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[This entry is from the Council Book 1770–1774, p. 87.]

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AT MIDDLETOWN, THE 27TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1776.

Present: Honorable JONTHN TRUMBULL, Esqr *Governor.*
Honorable MATTHEW GRISWOULD, Esqr, *D. Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, Wm. Pitkin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr, Samll Huntington, Esqr, } *Assistants.*
Jabez Huntington, Esqr, Wm. Williams, Esqr,

This Board do appoint Jabez Huntington, Esqr, to be Sheriff of the county of Windham.*

The said Jabez Huntington, John Clark, Esqr, of Lebanon and Capt. Ebenezer Mosley of Windham, appeared before the said Governor and Council and acknowledged themselves joyntly and severally bound in a recognizance of one thousand pounds, lawfull money, payable to the Treasurer of this State, that the said Jabez Huntington shall faithfully discharge his said office of sheriff according to law and the commission given him and answer all such damages as any persons shall sustain by the unfaithfullness or neglect of said sheriff or any of his deputies in the execution of said office.

JONTHN TRUMBULL.

The oath by law required to be taken by sheriffs were administered to the said Jabez Huntington before the Governor and Council.

Test. WM. PITKIN *Clerk.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MIDDLETOWN, DECEMBER 30TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm Hillhouse,
Wm. Williams, Thos. Seymour.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for £3500, in favour of Capt. John Deshon to dispose of in the service of this State and render his account. £3500. *Order dd to Peter Christophers Decr 31st, 1776.*

Decr 31st 1776. The Council of Safety ordered the clerk to draw on the Treasurer for twenty pounds of gun-powder, in favour of Dr. John Dickinson, for the use of proving musquets. *An order was drawn Decr 31st, 1776, and dd to Dr. John Dickinson.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MIDDLETOWN, JANUARY FIRST, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Wm. Williams, Benj. Huntington, } Esqrs.
Thos. Seymour,

* In place of Eleazer Fitch, removed. An address to the Governor and Council, signed in behalf of nineteen members of the Assembly from Windham county, dated Nov. 25th, 1776, asking for the appointment of Mr. Huntington as "a man whose principles are agreeable to the publick and at no time suspected by the candid," is in *Rev. War,* v, 40*a*.

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A memorial from the civil authority and selectmen and committee of inspection in New London, praying for liberty to purchase some part of the cargo of wheat which came in the continental ship to N. London for their family use, on account of the scarcity of grain, was read and Major Hillhouse is desired to treat with the memorialists on measures to supply the necessities of the poor &c.

Voted, To permit Henry Van Schaack, Esqr, to return from this to Kinderhook, there to remain within that district untill the first day of March next unless sooner called for, upon his giving his parole not to act, do or say anything to obstruct or contravene or oppose the measures adopted by the American States to preserve their freedom.

Memorandum. On the 25th day of December 1776 the following accounts were put into the hands of the Pay-Table to adjust, *viz:*

Thomas Powell *vs.* Greenough & Rice for	£3	3	2
Wm Pitkin *vs.* the State, for making powder,	84	0	8
Jurishaddy Keys *vs.* Benj. Huntington on the State's acc^{t}	0	6	0
Town of Norwich *vs.* the State, for guns &c.	16	7	6
Robert Usher's order for medicine to Dr. Lathrop,	11	14	3
Nathl Backus *vs.* the State, for examining and coopering saltpeter,	3	8	9
Stephen Ranney *vs.* the State, for carriages, blocks, &c. for the *Minerva*,	7	7	0
Benj. Henshaw *vs.* the State, for sundry services and expences,	23	10	6

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MIDDLETOWN, JANUARY 2^{D}, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Thos. Seymour.
Wm. Williams, Benj. Huntington.
Wm. Hillhouse.

Consulted on sundry matters with regard to Gov. Franklin's memorial and filling up vacancies of officers &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MIDDLETOWN, JANUARY 6TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Titus Hosmer, } Esq^{rs}.
Wm. Williams, Benj. Huntington, }

A letter from Govr. Franklin to Govr Trumbull on the subject of his being suffered to return to his family as has been allowed to some other gentlemen who were sent here as being enemies to this country, remonstrating in terms more sharp than decent against Govr Trumbull's neglecting an answer to a former letter of his on the same subject, was read. The matter of his being permitted to return &c. being taken up and considered, the Council unanimously advised his Honor not to grant Govr Franklin's request at this time of distress in the State of New Jersey; and a letter in answer to Govr Franklin's said letter was ordered to be drawn by Col. Williams and others.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MIDDLETOWN, JANUARY 8TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer, Wm. Williams, } Esq^rs.
Jz. Huntington, Benj. Huntington, }

Resolved, To write to Capt. John Deshon, to turn his attention to a ship belonging to Messrs. Brown Denison and Stewart, in Stonington, and if in his opinion she is a suitable vessel for the importation of salt, to charter one half of her for a voyage under command of George Coffin, or whoever shall be agreed on, to the Bahama Islands or where it shall be thought best, putting such cargo on board as will best answer the purpose consistently with prudence, and in particular to make use of all means in his power to import all the lead, sulphur and flints that can be obtained, and to transact and execute the necessary contracts for the purpose aforesaid; keeping accounts &c.

Letter wrote to be sent.

Voted, To give an order on the overseers of the furnace in favour of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* for two hundred hand grenades and one ton of swivel-shot, a quarter less than those already sent from the furnace to that ship, if on hand, or to cast the same if consistent with the casting of cannon.

Order drawn Jany 9th, 1777, D^d to Mr. Henshaw.

Voted. To give an order on the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury in favour of the selectmen of Norwalk for two four-pounders and four three-pounders of cannon, for the defence of the town of Norwalk agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly. *Order d^d to Dr. Betts Jany 9th, 1777.*

Voted, To let Justus Miles return to his family at New Milford for one fortnight upon his parole not to give any intelligence nor do anything against the measures taken by this or the United States of America to preserve their liberty. *A permit was given &c.*

Voted, To draw on the Committee of Pay-Table for £2 8 0, in favour of Joseph Howell, for sundries supplied for the galley *Whiting.*

Order drawn Jany 9th, 1777. D^d to Capt. Rice.

Voted, To purchase of Capt. James Rice two cannon at N. London upon his making out an account thereof at £100 0 0, N. York currency, and signing a receipt for the same when received.

Acc^t made out and order drawn Jany 9th, 1777, d^d to Capt. Rice.

Voted, To permit the sloop *Katherine,* burthened 100 tons, navigated with 8 men, to sail for Bourdeaux with 300 casks of flax-seed.

Voted, To permit the sloop *William,* burthen 95 tons, Peter Bontacou master, navigated with 8 men, to sail for Bourdeaux with 270 casks of flax-seed.

Voted, To permit the brig *Sally,* 120 tons, Christopher Hughes master, to sail for France with flax-seed and 5000 staves.

Voted, To permit the sloop *Farmer,* 70, John Miller master, to sail with 12000 staves to the foreign West Indies.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MIDDLETOWN, JANUARY 10th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliph^t Dyer, Benj. Huntington.
Jz. Huntington, Thos. Seymour.
Wm. Williams,

Lt. Sam^ll Bartram of the brig *Defence* is dismissed from his office on account of his infirmity.

Sam^ll Smedley is promoted to be First Lieutenant of the brig *Defence* instead of Lt. Sam^ll Bartram dismissed.

Henry Billings is appointed Second Lieutenant of the brig *Defence* instead of Sam^ll Smedley promoted.

Bebee is appointed Master of the brig *Defence* instead of Josiah Burnam resigned.

Voted, That orders be given for the brig *Defence* to sail on a cruise for three months, and that in case Capt. Harding is unable to sail the first lieutenant to take the command.

Orders to be given for distribution of the last prize taken by the brig *Defence*.

Voted, That discretionary orders be given to the commander of the *Defence* to join with other privateers if thought best in an expedition against the vessells and wood-cutters at Shelter Island.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JANUARY 15th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliph^t Dyer, Benj. Huntington.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse.
Wm. Williams, Thos. Seymour.
Titus Hosmer,

The Council attended to the appointment of several officers in the continental army.

His Honor the Governor is authorized to draw on the person who hath sulphur at Bedford for one ton, in favour of Col. Wm Pitkin and Mr. Doolittle, to be equally divided between them and to be replaced by said Pitkin and Dolittle.

Advised on the best method to supply the officers of the continental bat talions with money at the present to inlist their men.

Abraham Hand, Jeremiah Miller, and a negro named Jack belonging to Col. David Mulford and now in the care of Capt. Cochran, are voted to have a permit to return to Long Island. *A permit was given.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MIDDLETOWN, JANUARY 16th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliph^t Dyer. Benj. Huntington.
Jabez Huntington. Wm Hillhouse.
Wm Williams. Thos. Seymour.
Titus Hosmer.

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Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of one thousand pounds, in favour of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr, commissary at Groton, to enable him to support the troops there.

Order d^{d} to Col. Thos. Seymour Jany 16, 1777.

Voted, To purchase all the blankets and the suitable white linens imported in the Dutch vessell at N. London, also fifteen pipes of wine if to be had at a reasonable price, also shirts and stockings, and medicine to be chosen by the doctors, and such other articles as are necessary for supplying the army with arms, ammunition, refreshments &c., excepting gunpowder. And Messrs. Nathl Shaw jun^{r} and Andrew Huntington are appointed to purchase the same for the publick as reasonably as they can.

AT A CONVENTION OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HELD AT MIDDLETOWN ON THE 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Thomas Seymour,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Titus Hosmer,		

Voted, That Nathl Shaw jun^{r} be and he is hereby impowered and instructed to negotiate an exchange of the following prisoners:

Robert Hunter, captain of the *Gaspe* sloop.
Michael Stanhope, midshipman do.

John Kent, Clerk	James Cox.	
Wm Kent,	Duncan Mackfarthing.	Frederick Robertson.
Wm Allen,	James Lilley.	Peter Oring.
John Shaw,	Charles Patterson.	
John Birkley.	John Barber.	

And in case an exchange cannot be effected, that he take their parole to return back again to this State immediately in the same vessell without going on shore.

Voted, That Bezalell Hudson be and he is appointed Ensign and Commandant of the guards about the goal in the county of Hartford.

Voted, That the selectmen of Middletown be directed to deliver to Capt. Blackman twenty blankets by them collected on the lists, for the use of his company, and take receipt and lodge the same with the Pay-Table.

Messrs. Elijah Hubbard and Joseph King exhibited their account of sundries supplied for the furnace at Salisbury, amounting to £67 15 10, which is allowed and ordered to be paid. *Order d^{d} to Mr. Hosmer.*

Voted, That Hez^{h} Fitch, Esqr, be and he is hereby appointed one of the committee for carrying on the furnace at Salisbury, and to act in conjunction with Messrs. Benj. Henshaw and Wm Whiting. *Copy d^{d} to Mr. Hosmer.*

Voted, That Col. Joshua Porter be directed to deliver over the possession of the furnace at Salisbury with all the utensils and appurtenances thereof for cannon-foundery and other work, with all the ware and stock in his hands belonging to this State, into the hands of Messrs. Benj. Henshaw, Wm Whiting and Hez^{h} Fitch, Esqr, and that an order be drawn for that purpose. *Order d^{d} Mr. Hosmer.*

Voted, To permit Joseph Osborn to return to Long Island with his family.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, JANUARY 21st, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm Hillhouse,	Esqrs.
William Williams,	Nathll Wales junr,	
Titus Hosmer,	Benj. Huntington,	
Jedh Elderkin,		

Sundry matters concerning the raising the continental battalions were this day in agitation, and vacancies of offices in those battalions filled up.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JANUARY 22D, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,	Esqrs.
Wm. Williams,	Jedh Elderkin,	
Titus Hosmer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	

Duncan Stewart, Esqr. is permitted to go into N. York on his parole not to give intelligence or do anything against the interest of the United States of America and to return in three months.

Ebenezer Hall of Fairfield was brought before his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety by virtue of a precept from the civil authority, selectmen and committee of inspection of the town of Fairfield, as being a person dangerous and inimical to this and the United States of America, and being so adjudged by said civil authority &c. he was sent here that the place of his confinement might be determined &c. The said Hall being fully instructed by his Honor the Governor in the nature of the dispute between Great Britain and these States and of the measures that have been taken by the Colonies, and by this in particular. to prevent any rupture or disaffection between this and the mother country long before the commencement of any hostilities, declared himself fully convinced of the justice of the American cause, that he never before was acquainted with the state of the dispute or the measures that have been taken to prevent the shedding of blood &c., and that he at present has wholly altered his mind and is clearly and heartily of opinion that the Americans have good right to take up arms as they have done and to fight in their own defence against the attempts of Great Britain to enslave or subjugate these States.

Whereupon it is resolved, That the said Hall shall be permitted to return to his family at Fairfield, there to remain in his own business, upon his giving bond to the Treasurer of this State in the sum of one thousand pounds, with condition that if the said Hall shall well and truly return to said Fairfield and Stratford and dwell and abide within and not depart out of the limits of said towns of Fairfield and Stratford, and shall do or say nothing in prejudice of the interest, or rights of this or any of the rest of the United States of America, and shall not hold any correspondence with or give any intelligence to the enemies of the said States, and shall repair to any place hereafter assigned by the Governor and Committee of Safety of said State upon requisition, then said bond to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue. *Bond taken Jany 22d, 1777.*

Capt. Isaac Tomlinson of Woodbury was sent here by the civil authority, selectmen and committee of inspection in said town of Woodbury, as being

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a person dangerous and inimical to this and the rest of the United States of America, and being so adjudged by said civil authority &c. he was sent here that the place of his confinement might be determined &c. And now the said Tomlinson, being by his Honor the Governor better instructed than ever before in the nature of the dispute between Great Britain and these States and of the measures that have been taken by the Colonies, and by this in particular, to prevent any rupture or disaffection between this and the mother country long before the commencement of any hostilities, declared before this Council that he never before so well understood the state of the dispute or the measures taken to prevent the shedding of blood &c., and that he has no inclination to injure the rights of these States or interrupt the measures taken to defend the same by any means whatever.

Whereupon it is resolved by the Governor and Council aforesaid, That the said Tomlinson be and he is hereby permitted to return to his family at Woodbury and to remain in his own business within the limits of the towns of Woodbury and Derby, upon his giving bond to the Treasurer of this State in the sum of one thousand pounds, with condition that if the said Tomlinson shall well and truly return to said Woodbury and Derby and there dwell and abide within and not depart out of the limits of said towns of Woodbury and Derby, and shall do or say nothing in prejudice of the interest or rights of this or any of the rest of the United States of America, and shall not hold any correspondence with or give any intelligence to the enemies of said States, and shall repair to any place hereafter assigned by the Governor and Committee of Safety of said State upon requisition, then said bond to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Bond taken January 22d, 1777.

Several hours were spent in considering of and appointing officers to supply vacancies in the 8 battalions for continental service.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, January 23d, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,	Esqrs.
Wm. Williams,	Jedh Elderkin,	
Titus Hosmer,	Nathll Wales junr,	
Wm. Hillhouse,		

The fore part of the day was spent in preparing letters to send to Gen. Washington and others.

Voted, To supply Gen. Schuyler with eight cannon, 18-pounders, four nine-pounders, ten six-pounders, seven four-pounders, ten three-pounders, at the furnace, and shot in proportion.

A letter was sent to the overseers of the furnace Jany 22d, 1777, for the above purpose.

A letter was received from Gen. Washington of the tenth instant. informing of his late successes in the Jersey and wishing to have our quota of forces filled up this way, that they might lie at the eastward of N. York to divert the force of the enemy manifestly aiming at Philadelphia &c. Dated Jany 10th, 1777.

A letter was also received from President Hancock, urging the utmost dispatch in filling up our quota of the continental army &c. Dated Jany 10th, 1777.

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A letter was sent to the Committee of Safety in the State of N. York concerning the imbargo and licence or power given by the Governor to John Canfield, Esqr, to permit West India goods &c. to pass out of this State into that of N. York for the use of the inhabitants or army.

A letter was sent to Genl Washington per Major Wyllys concerning exchange of prisoners and account or return of prisoners sent from this to Newport for exchange.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY JANUARY 24TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Titus Hosmer,	Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r},	
Jed^{h} Elderkin,		

William McDermot, a lieutenant in the 16th regiment in King George's army, a prisoner in this State, is permitted to return to N. York on his parole to return back to this State in fourteen days unless he procure the exchange of Lt. Elisha Hopkins of Hartford to be made for himself, which said Hopkins is a prisoner to King George's army in N. York, and out on his parole.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, LEBANON, Jany 24th, 1777.

By the Governor and Council of Safety.

Whereas it is represented to this Board by the committee of inspection for the town of Durham, that Mr. Ralph Isaacs of New Haven, a person adjudged inimical to the rights and cause of America, having been by order of the General Assembly removed from said town on account of his inimical disposition and is now by order resident in said town of Durham, that they apprehend great inconveniences will arise, and much in the minds of the friends of the American cause, by his being at large in said town and suffered to retail rum &c.; praying that he may be confined within certain limits in said Durham &c.

Resolved by this Board, That James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Esqr, Messrs. Israel Camp, James Arnold, Elnathan Camp, Phineas Spelman, Daniel Hall, and Stephen Norton, committee of inspection for said town of Durham, be and they are hereby authorized and appointed a committee to have the conduct and oversight of said Isaacs and to propose, assign and limit the bounds and extent within which in their opinion said Isaacs reasonably ought to be circumscribed and kept, and the same properly point out, describe and certify under their hands to his Honor and this Board as soon as may be for their consideration and establishment, and in the mean time acquaint the said Isaacs with the limits assigned by them as aforesaid to which he, said Isaacs, is strictly to conform and carefully abide within the same untill the same may be considered by this Board; and said Isaacs to have no intercourse with the inhabitants of said Durham more than is necessary for the support of himself and family on the penalties which may follow. And said committee are further directed to take the proper and legal steps to take and seize for the use of this State any quantity of rum which said Isaacs may have in possession or the property of; which is or may be brought into said

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Durham for sale or designed to be disposed of, and the same examine and safely dispose and keep for the use aforesaid, and certify their doings in the premises as soon as may be that the same may be duly paid for according to law, and further steps be taken concerning him, said Isaacs, which may be just and right and tending to promote the publick peace and the defence and safety of this and the United States.

Capt. Asa Kinne, Capt. Ebenezer Moseley and Capt. Benajah Leffingwell are appointed to be Captains of companies to serve in the State of Rhode Island &c. untill the first day of April next according to the agreement of the Convention of committees from the N. England States lately held at Providence and ratified by the Assembly of this State.

Considerable part of this day was spent in consulting on several matters, *viz:* how to supply the continent with some warlike stores, applied for by the hand of Col. Stewart, and providing for the batteries at N. London &c., and raising troops to serve at Rhode Island &c.

Ralph Watson, a tory from the northward who has been in the keeping of the committee of Preston, is permitted to return home to Allenton on his parole not to do or say against the interest of the American States, and to return again in case the committee of the place where he belongs sees cause to order him back.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY JANUARY 25TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Jedh Elderkin,	Esqrs.
Wm. Williams,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Titus Hosmer,	Nathll Wales junr,	
Benj. Huntington,		

Consulted on the affairs of the tory convicts &c.

Gave a letter of credit to Col. Stewart for ordnance stores &c. to the Massachusetts &c.

Sent letters to the captains appointed to serve in Rhode Island, to repair here and take orders &c.

Voted. To suffer John Betts, Nathan Fitch, Stephen Keeler, John Husted, Jacob Scovil, Josiah Seeley, Isaac Hubbard, James Smith and Benj. James, convict tories confined in Lebanon and Coventry, to return to their respective homes on giving sufficient bonds for their good behaviour, not to give any intelligence or do or say anything against the rights and interest of the United States of America.

Orders were given to the sheriff of New London County in the words following, *viz:* Sir: You are directed with the assistance of Capt. Ephraim Bill, to collect all the bills of expences of condemnation, storage and sales arisen on the prize ship *Sally* and prize schooner *Hannah and Elizabeth* and their cargoes and see them duly and reasonably adjusted and paid, and state the accounts of those prizes, counting on the prices of articles sold at vendue, articles taken by apprizal, and articles taken at the legal prices for publick use, and after deducting for the commander in chief one twentieth part of the neat proceeds of each of said prizes according to the resolve of Congress, pay one third of the remainder of each of those prizes to the agents of the

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crews of their respective captors, *viz:* the crews of the brig *Defence* and the schooner *Spy*, upon the agents producing proper powers of attorney to receive the same; taking proper receipts therefor. And you are to make out your accounts for settlement with the Governor and Council of Safety as soon as may be.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON, MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer, Esqr,	Benj. Huntington,	Esq^{rs}.
Wm. Williams, Esqr,	Jed^{h} Elderkin	
Titus Hosmer, Esqr,	Wm. Hillhouse	
	Nathl Wale	

Many persons present and applications about sundry matters.

A certificate and letter from Thad^{s} Burr, Esqr, that Lt. George Burr. who was by the Assembly in Decr last appointed lieutenant of the company of 20 at Fairfield, declines the service &c., and thereupon this Board do appoint Mr. Isaac Burr to be Lieutenant of said company. *And commission given.*

It being represented by said Lt. Burr, that the No. of 20 men allowed by the Assembly at Fairfield is too small for the many services they have to do, that their cannon are double fortified 12-pounders, too heavy to be managed by them, and that they have reason to expect a visit from the enemy &c.: On consideration of all the circumstances, and that no deputies for that town was present when the Assembly acted upon that matter, and the apparent need &c., this Board consider and allow five men more to be added to the number of 20 to be stationed at the battery in said town, for the term of 1 year from the 1st of January instant.

Eben^{r} Holly, Elliot Green, Jonathan Husted, Josiah Seely, Benj. James, Isaac Hubbard and Jacob Scofield of Stamford, and Nathan Fitch, James Smith, Gold Hoit, Stephen Keeler, Gold Hoit and John Betts of Norwalk, convict tories, are permitted to return home upon their giving bond of £1000 each to the Treasurer for their good behaviour, and not to give any intelligence nor do or say anything against the interest of the United States of America; and a letter was written to Col. Ab^{m} Davenport informing him of the conditions of their returning home.

Dr. Benjamin Ellis is appointed Surgeon to the brig *Defence*, his pay to begin the 20th of Dec^{r}, 1776, when his service began.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

To Captain Ebenezer Mosley, Esquire: Greeting.

Whereas the General Assembly of said State, in their sessions at Middletown by adjournment on the 19th day of December last, did resolve that 1092 men should be raised in this State and sent to join the army at Providence under the command of Major General Spencer, as the quota of this State in the same, and did desire and impower the Governor and Committee of Safety to carry said resolve into execution: And whereas the Governor and Committee of Safety have resolved, in pursuance of said resolve of Assembly, to raise three companies of militia to serve untill the first day of April next by voluntary inlistment, and that they shall have and receive the

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same wages and allowance as the continental troops do receive, and also a bounty of twenty shillings to each non-commission'd officer and soldier, and a premium of four shillings for arms and accoutrements and three shillings for a blanket, and have appointed you, the said Ebenezer Mosely, Esqr, Captain of one of said companies: These are, therefore, to authorize and command you to inlist a company of able-bodied effective men for the service aforesaid, consisting of four serjeants, four corporals, one drummer and one fifer, and seventy-six privates, as soon as may be by beat of drum or otherwise. And I do hereby, on behalf of this State, promise and engage that they shall have and receive the encouragements above mentioned.

Given under my hand in Lebanon this 27th day of January, A.D. 1777.

The above is a record of the orders given and signed by his Honor the Governor. The same orders being also given to the other captains appointed for said service, and the resolves of the Governor and Council of Safety referred to in the foregoing orders were passed this 27th day of January, 1777, and wholly contained in said orders.

Joseph Burgis is appointed First Lieutenant of the company to be under command of Capt. Eb^{r} Moseley, to serve in the State of Rhode Island untill the first day of April next. Joseph Carew is appointed First Lieutenant of the company to be under command of Capt. Benajah Leffingwell, to serve in the State of Rhode Island untill the first day of April next.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety January 28th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r},	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Jed^{h} Elderkin,		

Lazarus Beach, Andrew Fairchild, Nathan Lee, Enos Lee, Abel Burr of Reading, and Thomas Allen of NewTown in the county of Fairfield, being tory convicts and sent by order of law to be confined in the town of Mansfield, to prevent any mischievous practices of theirs, having made their escape and being taken up and remanded back to his Honor the Governor and this Council to be dealt with &c.: Resolved and ordered by the Governor and his Council aforesaid, that the said Lazarus Beach, Andrew Fairchild, Nathan Lee, Enos Lee and Abel Burr be committed to the keeper of the goal in Windham within said prison to be safely kept untill they come out thence by due order of the General Assembly or the Governor and his Council of Safety, and that they pay cost of their being apprehended and being remanded &c. allowed to be £25 3 0, dinners 11*s.* £25 14 0. *Mittimus granted Jany 28th*, 1777.

An order was given to the committee of prisoners at Mansfield to take a bond of John Sanford, (a person confined in Mansfield, an enemy to this country.) for one thousand pound, conditioned that whereas the said John Sanford is found guilty of being inimical and dangerous to this and the rest of the United States of America and ordered to be removed and sent to the Governor and Committee of Safety to have his place of residence assigned, and hath for some time resided in Mansfield according to said order, and now moving for liberty to return to Reading for the settlement of his

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mother's estate, and promising his good behaviour: Now if the said John Sanford shall well and truly return to said Reading, dwell and abide within and not depart out of the limits of said town, and shall do nor say nothing in prejudice of the interest or rights of this or any of the rest of the United States of America or any of the measures pursuing by them for their defence, and shall not hold any correspondence with or give any intelligence to the enemies of said States, and shall repair to any place assigned by the Governor and Committee of Safety of this State upon requisition, then the foregoing bond to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue; and upon his executing said bond to give said John Sanford a permit to return to Reading without molestation &c.

Robert Lewis is accepted and established Captain, David Wells Lieutenant, and Phinehas Sherman Ensign of a company of volunteers raised in Stratford to join the continental army &c., and their commissions are granted.

James Beard is established Captain, Daniel Chatfield Lieutenant, and John Humphrey Ensign of a company of volunteers raised in Derby to join the continental army, and their commissions granted.

Orders were given to Capt. Wm. Coit of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* to order all his officers and men on board said ship to duty and fit said ship for sailing with all possible dispatch, and to land four of the guns on board said ship and put them into the care of Mr. Nath[l] Shaw jun[r], taking his receipt, and as soon as the crew of said ship are collected to make return of them that further directions may [be] given for said ship to proceed to sea.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £25 14 0, in favour of John Slater, constable of Waterbury, it being for the expence of guarding and transporting six runaway tories taken up at Waterbury and returned here by order of authority. *Order d[d] to John Slater Jan[y] 28th*, 1777.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for £150 0 0, in favour of Capt. Wm. Coit, to enable him to proceed on his cruise. *Jon[th] Trumbull made an order, Mr. Huntington gone.*

The Rev[d] Mr. John Sayer of Fairfield being sent here by the civil authority and selectmen of Fairfield as a person inimical and dangerous to this and the United States of America, that he might be ordered to some place for his confinement: Resolved, that said Sayer be sent to the parish or society of New Britain in Farmingtown, to be under the care of Col. Isaac Lee and not to depart out of the limits of said society of New Britain untill further orders from the General Assembly or the Governor and Council of Safety.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JANUARY 31ST, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,
Jabez Huntington,	Nath[ll] Wales jun[r],
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington.
Jed[h] Elderkin,	

Consulted on the affair of cloathing the continental battalions raising in this Colony.

Sundry letters from the chairman of the Council of War in Providence, Gen[l] Green, Gen[l] Oliver Woolcott and others, were read.

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Voted, To draw on Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, for £383 0 7½, in favour of Capt. Robert Niles, captain and commander of the schooner *Spy*, in settlement for the schooner's accounts to the 8th day of January, 1777.

Order drawn Jany 31st, 1777, £383 0 7½, d^{d} to Capt. Niles.

Voted, To draw on Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, for £100 0 0, in favour of Capt. Robert Niles of the schooner *Spy*, and to be in account.

Order drawn and d^{d} to Capt. Niles Feby 8th, 1777.

The affair of the spreading of the small pox was taken into consideration, and how to prevent that infection by the hands of mischievous persons being further propagated, and advised that his Honor the Governor publish a Proclamation setting forth the dangers of spreading the same at present against law and without regulation and at this season of the year &c., with encouragement that the matter and expediency of setting up inoculation under good regulations shall be referred to the consideration of the next May session of the General Assembly.

Many persons in, and about a variety of questions. Arrangement of officers. The danger of the small pox spreading &c. &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY FEBRUARY 1ST, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r},	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Jed^{h} Elderkin,		

Mr. John Mix of Farmingtown is appointed Ensign of Capt. Wm Judd's company in Col. Wyllys's regiment, and a certificate is sent by said Mix to the Secretary.

A letter from Genl Washington was received and read, pressing the necessity of a speedy filling up our quota of troops &c.

Daniel Allen is appointed Captain of a company in Col. Durkee's regiment, instead of Oliver Babcock deceased.

Return Jonth Meigs is appointed Major of Col. Wyllys's regiment in the continental service.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY FEBRUARY 3D, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,
Jz. Huntington,	Nathl Wales jun^{r}.
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington.
Jed^{h} Elderkin,	

Voted, To give Beriah Badcock an order to Dr. Elderkin to deliver out cloath enough for a great coat and receive his blanket in exchange: Badcock paying the odds in money. *Order drawn Feb. 3^{d}*, 1777.

Voted, To write a letter to Thaddeus Burr, Esqr, to secure ten tons of good well dressed flax for the use of this State.

Voted, That an advertisement be put into the N. London paper, notifying those people that design to purchase flax at the westward for their own

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use to apply for the same speedily, that the surplus of that article in this State may be disposed for the good of others.

Voted, To permit Charles Barret of New Ipswich to purchase eighteen hundred weight of flax in the county of Fairfield and transport the same out of this State.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for £80 0 0, in favour of Capt. Jabez Perkins, for money advanced by him for the publick in transporting wheat to the mills to be floured, and to be in account. *Order drawn Feby 3^{d}*, 1777.

Oliver Blood, of Ashley in the State of Massachusets, is permitted to purchase in the county of Fairfield and carry out of this State to said Ashley eight hundred pounds weight of flax.

At a meeting of the Governor &c. Tuesday 4 February, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Elip^{t} Dyer, Wm. Hilhouse, Wm Williams, Jed^{h} Elderkin, Nathl Wales, } Esq^{rs}.

Col. Jed. Huntington present and moving to fill up and supply sundry vacancys of officers in his regiment for continental service &c., and good deal of consideration had about it, and the vacancys supplied, and the staff officers appointed &c. &c.

A memorial was yesterday presented by Ralph Isaacs, brôt by Messrs. Chauncey and Ingersol, and urged by them, that he may be inlarged from the limits assigned him in Durham by the committee of inspection, complaining of the house as bad and shattered and his limits unreasonable &c, and praying relief, or that he may be removed to some other town. The committee of inspection also sent a return and representation of their doings and the limits they had assigned him &c., by Mr. Crane, directed also to vindicate their conduct &c. And, on a large hearing and consideration, is considered and ordered, that he be removed to Wallingford under the direction of the civil authority and selectmen, to be kept in some one of the societys in said town, under such regulations as were given concerning him at Eastbury by the Assembly in October last. And the proper orders, letters and instructions were made out and delivered to Mr. Chauncey and Crane, and they dismissed.

Many letters and other matters received and considered &c.

Several transpositions and appointments of officers also considered and made &c. And adjourned to Thursday next.

At a meeting &c. Thursday February 6th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Honble Deputy Governor Griswold.

Storm, cold, very high wind. N. W. Extreme change from yesterday rainy and warm.

Elip^{t} Dyer, Jz. Huntington, Wm. Williams, Jed. Elderkin, Nath^{ll} Wales, } Esq^{rs}.

Letter from Gen. Schuyler, expressing his great and almost certain expectation of Tyconderoga being attacked soon as the ice permits &c., and pressing for men &c., considered and discoursed.

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Letters from Providence &c.

Application from D. Q. Gen[l] Lovat of Providence for 1000 bushel of oats, for supply of the army there &c. On consideration permitted 400, 100 being granted before.

Appointed Thos. Grosvenor, Esq[r], Major of Col. Wyllys's regiment in room of Maj. Biggelow resigned.

Variety of persons and applications from and for &c.

Appointed Timo. Cleaveland Second Lieutenant in Capt. Webb's company instead of Ab[m] Wright, who was before promoted.

Many things discoursed, being moved by sundry persons.

Examined and allowed an account of Judah Alden for going express to Gen[l] Washington with letters about the exchange of prisoners &c. latter end of Nov. or Dec. last, at the rate of 10*s*. per day, considering the extra risque in the Jerseys at that time &c. 26 days, £14 7 expence, £5 horse hire, and 18*s*. for horse left at Hartford &c. Total £33 15 0

On a representation by Nathan Stark and ——— Gardner that a number of men lately detatched from the 25th regiment for N. London, by order of Assembly, having refused to join, and have been forcibly taken &c. &c. praying advice: Whereupon the following resolve is passed, *viz:* This Board being advised that sundry persons who were detatched in the 3[d], 8th, 12th, 20th and 25th regiments of militia by special order and resolve of the General Assembly begun and holden at Middletown on the 18th of December last, to be marched and placed at and about New London for the defence and safety of this State, not to be holden for more than two months, have refused ever to join their corps or to march to New London in pursuance of said order, and that on such refusal Colo. Throop the commander of said detachment has sent a file of men and by force taken and carried off to New London sundry of such persons detatched and refusing as aforesaid, which has occasioned some dispute with respect to the legality of such a proceeding, and application being made to this Board for advice therein: Whereupon it is considered, that this case being in consequence of a special act and order of the General Assembly necessary for the immediate safety and defence of the forts and garrison at New London, and does not come under the former or late acts of Assembly respecting fines and penaltys upon refusal in case of detatchment &c., and therefore the commanding officer is warranted to inforce the order of Assembly, and thereupon those properly detatched ought peaceably to submit as a special case which seldom happens. But if any person has been detatched who is not of the militia and exempt by reason of age, being more than of the age of forty-five years, which by the law then in force exempted a person of more than that age from serving in the militia, that such person if then more than 45 years be excused and another person of the same company be detatched and ordered to New London in his room and stead to join the militia under the command of Lt. Col. Dyar Throop on that station. *Copy given Nathan Stark.*

Appointed Icha. Hinckley Captain in the room of Capt. Perrit in captivity. Col. Webb's regiment.

No. of persons applying for permits for flax and rye &c. Sundry granted. Letters begun to Gen. Washington, Congress &c., and adjourned.

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MET AGAIN FRYDAY, 7TH.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Governor Griswold.
Elip[t] Dyer, Wm. Williams, Jz. Huntington, Jed. Elderkin, Nath[l] Wales, } Esq[rs].

Officers applying &c.

Voted and appointed David Trumbull to provide axes, augres &c. &c. requested by Col. Stewart, employed by a committee of Congress, and that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for £55 0 in his favor, to procure steel at Providence for that purpose. And 28 Feb. ordered the £55 to £100 instead, and order given 28 Feb.

Letters preparing for Congress and Gen. Washington &c., and applications about sundries.

Gen[l] Parsons came in, moving about cloathing &c.

Appointed Lt. Thos. Abbe (who was of Swift's regiment) to be Captain instead of Grosvenor, promoted to be major.—Wyllys's regiment.

And Sylvanus Perry, who was second lieutenant in Chandler's regiment, to be First Lieutenant instead of said Abbe now in Wyllys's, which said Perry was in Chandler's regiment, to be First Lieutenant instead of Abner Robinson in Wyllys's, resigned.

Charles Mill First Lieutenant, instead of Lt. Abby promoted, in Swift's regiment, Elderkin's company.

Phin[s] Grover, who was ensign of said company, to be Second Lieutenant therein and Richard Abbe Ensign of the same.

And Josiah Child to be Captain in Bradley's regiment in room of Capt. Ben. Cutler resigned in Bradley's regiment, and Edw[d] Palmer Ensign of the same.

This Board do appoint Lt. Samuel Smedley to be Captain of the brig *Defence* belonging to this State for the present cruise on which she is bound instead of Cap. Seth Harding who is unwell and is to be considered as disengaged from and unconnected with said brig, or anything relative thereto, for this present voyage or cruise.

And appointed James Angel Third Lieutenant of the abovesaid brig *Defence*, for the present voyage or cruise.

Pass'd the following resolve &c., on motion of Gov. Griswold, *viz:*

Voted in Council, That the guard of fifteen men ordered to be kept near the mouth of Connecticut River in Lyme under the command of Ens. Jn[o] Griswold be removed to attend duty at Black Point in Lyme, unless the selectmen and authority in Lyme shall judge it expedient a part of them should attend at some place between Black Point and the mouth of Connecticut River, in which case said selectmen and authority are hereby directed to give orders to said ensign relative thereto, who is ordered to attend the same accordingly. Said guard are to be careful and vigilant to prevent all communication between Long Island and the main, and to seize and hold in custody all boats and other water-craft attempted to be used for that purpose (without a legal permit) and to arrest all such persons in whose possession such water-craft is found, and carry such person before proper authority to be examined and dealt with accordingly.

Copy given the D. Governor.

Many things discoursed &c.

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AT A MEETING &c. SATURDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Elip[t] Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams, } Esq[rs].
Jed. Elderkin,
Nath[l] Wales,

D. Gov. gone to Litchfield superior court.

Several letters in answer to Woodbury committee, who sent a prisoner to apply for exchange &c., and sundry others.

Granted permit to Dan[l] Payn for 6 oxen to Rehoboth.
Nath Child 6 do. to Roxbury.
for 100 bus. rye.
Preserved Abel 100 *c.* pork, of and for Rehoboth &c.

Letters to Congress, Gen. Washington, Gen. Heath, Gen. Green, &c. &c. dispatched by a Congress post, now returning, who has waited two days by order &c.

Brown, post, now returned from Congress with a number of letters and resolves from Congress, from Delegates &c. &c., having left Baltimore last Thursday week. Set from Hartford 3 weeks since.

An application for arms &c. by Cap. Keenee ordered to raise a company for Providence.

Resolved, That the selectmen of the respective towns to which the company raised by Cap. Asa Keenee belong, be and they are hereby directed to provide necessary arms and blankets for said company in the respective towns to which they belong, and have them apprized by indifferent men under oath, and the same deliver to said Cap. Keenee or his order for the use of said company, and take his receipt for the same.

Copy given Lt. Brown of said company.

On resignation of Lt. Billings of the brig *Defence*, pass'd an order empowering Nat. Shaw, Esq[r], to appoint a proper person to be second lieutenant in his room.

Gave order on Sheriff Wetmore to pay out of the money in his hands belonging to this State as marshall of the admiralty court, to pay Cap. Asa Keenee £80, toward paying his company &c., computing what he has already lent said Keenee as part of said £80, taking receipt.

Order d[d] Lt. Brown of said company.

Col. Sam[ll] Wyllys is present, moving for cloathing and arms for his battalion: Whereupon, on consideration,

Resolved and ordered, That Mr. Chauncey Whittelsey, commissary &c., deliver to Col. Sam[l] Wyllys of one of the continental battalions raising in this State or his order, cloathing made up or such quantity of cloth and other articles in his hands purchased for soldiers' cloathing and other necessaries for making them as he, said Colo. Wyllys, shall from time to time stand in need of for cloathing the soldiers inlisted or to be inlisted into his battalion, keeping a true and proper account of the quantity, description and value of the articles so delivered, and taking proper receipt therefor; he, said Wyllys, to be accountable. And Mr. Whittelsey is directed to make up soldiers' coats and trim the same for uniform agreeable to the desire of Col. Wyllys, and to send to this Board a full account of all the articles he hath provided.

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And on consideration relative to Fire Arms,

Resolved, That whereas firearms are wanted to furnish the continental battalions raising in this State, and whereas a number of arms belonging to this State and to the United States are lodged in this Colony or State: You are therefore hereby ordered to deliver Colo. Samuel Wyllys, for the use of his battalion, all such fire-arms and accoutrements belonging to this State or to the United States which are lodged with you or any of you, or are in your custody, not exceeding a sufficient number for said battalion so fast as they are raised, exclusive of the arms belonging to the Governor's Guards, taking his receipt therefor, distinguishing to whom they did belong and from whom and how received, and such receipts lodge with the Committee of Pay-Table at Hartford.

To whom it may concern in the towns of Hartford, Middletown and Wethersfield. *Copy d^d Col. Wyllys.*

This Board do appoint Ralph Pumroy Pay-Master of Col. Wyllys's regiment.

Resolved, That Saml Gray, Esq, hold in his custody all the continental cloth or cloathing now in his possession till further orders from this Board; and that he transmit to said Board an exact account of all such articles which is or may be lodged in his hands.

On motion &c. permitted James Underwood, of Litchfield in N. Hampshire, to purchase in Fairfield county &c. 2234 *lb.* flax.

And to Capt. Wm Alld, of Merrimack, to purchase in said Fairfield county to 2000 *lb.* flax.

Col. Chandler came in, not time to do his business.

Adjourned to Monday next.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 10TH, 1777. MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip^t Dyer, (near noon,)	Jed^h Elderkin,	Esq^rs.
Jabez Huntington,	Nathl Wales,	
Wm. Williams,		

Granted a permit to Phin^s Gleason, of Westborough in Massachusetts, to purchase 600 pounds of flax in Milford or in the county of Fairfield, for the use of the people there, the embargo notwithstanding.

Is suggested that a company at Stonington is raised by virtue of an act of Assembly at Middletown, which act was repealed, and that it impedes the raising the continental army &c. Is considered and discoursed.

A number of officers came in with questions &c. and resignations, and much to say and do with them &c. and variety of consultation, that but few votes, and at 9 o'clock, the constant hour, adjourned till tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

A snowy morning and proved a very unexpected severe large snow storm. Which lay without diminution about 12 days.

Elip^t Dyer,	Esq^rs.
Jz. Huntington,	
Wm. Williams,	
Jed. Elderkin,	
Nath. Wales,	

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Examined and allowed a small additional bill of Cap. Job Winslow, for building and sundries for the row-galley *Crane*, £6 13 4 ballance, and drew an order on the Pay-Table for the same.

Cap. Winslow waiting, and letters preparing for Gen. Schuyler by him, and number of papers.

Also letters to authority &c. of Woodbury, in answer to them about the spread of the small pox &c.

Also to sundry gentlemen of Danbury, in answer to them about sundry valuable officers &c. as they say, prisoners with Gen[l] How &c., that all possible care and pains has been and will be taken to obtain the same &c.

Cap. Shumway also waiting having no subaltern officers &c, and appointed Selah Benton, of or about Milford, his First Lieutenant, room of West; Dan[l] Eldridge Second Lieutenant, room of Bozworth; Asa Brownson Ensign of do., room of Stan: Prentice, non-resident.

Voted, That Andrew Fairchild, Abel Burr, Lazarus Beech, Nathan Lee, Enos Lee and Thomas Allen, persons judged to be inimical to the United States and now confined in Windham county goal, be discharged from said goal on their parole. on their paying all the cost that was taxed against them by the Governor and Council of Safety as charged in the mittimus by which they were committed, *viz.*: £25 14 0, and all cost that have since arisen and may arise in releasing them: the said Fairchild, Burr, Beech and Allen, to return to Mansfield there to abide under the direction of the committee of inspection of that town agreeable to a former assignment of them to that town by said Governor and Council till duly released. Nathan Lee and Enos Lee are permitted to return home on their giving bonds for their good behaviour, and the sheriff of Windham county is directed to take said parole and bonds and receive the money for all said costs and to discharge said prisoners accordingly and to pay said £25 14 0 to the Treasurer of this State taking his receipts, lodging one with the Secretary, and to pay the other costs out of the other money to whom due and make return to this Board of his doings in the premises; and written orders are sent to said sheriff for the above purposes.

Voted, That Seth Hall and Ebenezer Sturges, two of the prisoners confined in the town of Mansfield. be permitted to return home on their giving sufficient bonds for their good behaviour; and orders are sent to the committee of inspection of the town of Mansfield to take said bonds and to grant them a permit to return accordingly.

Order about Mark Prindle.

Upon application by Mr. John Marsh the 3[d], of Litchfield, representing that Mark Prindle of Harwinton, who has been sent by order of law as a person inimical to the rights of America, to the care of his Honor the Governor, and been assigned to be kept at Mansfield in the county of Windham, stands bound to appear before the honorable superior [court] of this State now sitting at Litchfield, for breach of some of the laws of this State respecting persons inimical to the libertys of America, and that he, said Marsh, is bail in a large sum for the appearance of said Prindle before said court, and praying that he may have liberty and authority to take said Prindle and have before said court in discharge of his bond as aforesaid: Resolved and ordered, that said Marsh be and he is hereby permitted and authorized to receive said Prindle at the hand of Capt. Amariah Williams

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with whom he is ordered to reside, and him safe keep, carry and convey to Litchfield and deliver to said superior court, in order to his tryal on the matters for which he is holden, and said Marsh to return and deliver said Prindle again to said Williams as soon as he shall be released by said superior court, unless by the sentence of said court he shall be so ordered and disposed of as to put it out of his, Marsh's, power so to return him.

Copy given, d^d said Marsh.

Voted an order to the overseers of Salisbury furnace to furnish Mr. Thos. Biddle, the manufacturer of sulphur for this State, with twenty iron pots to be cast when least interfering with casting cannon ; and more if said Biddle shall chuse to reduce the size heretofore ordered by the Assembly &c.

And order given.

Col. Hall of Wallingford was here, on business about tories at said town. Took considerable time &c., and at 9 o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 1777, MET &c.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip^t Dyer, Wm. Williams, Jz. Huntington, Jed. Elderkin, Nathl Wales, } Esq^rs.

Letters prepared for the managers of the cannon foundery that the rum. paper, brimstone and blankets they want shall be sent to Cap. Tiley &c.

To Cap. Squire, with orders to stop sending on cloathing towards N. York as our army wants at home, and to take care of quantity of pork he had purchas'd and is said to be damaged &c., and to send an account of cloathing &c. in his hands.

Do. to Mr. Burr, to stop cloathing from going on &c. and to inform what there is &c.

Do. to Jona. Fitch, Esq. of the same import &c.

Mr. Herpin of Milford has been several days waiting with accounts for bringing cannon &c. and erecting fort &c. at Milford, which have been examined by committee of this Board last evening and is now on examination &c. allowed in part of the account by them charged and exhibited but in full of what we allow &c. *viz.:* £95 0 10. *And order given d^d Mr. Herpin.*

This Board appoint Cap. Joshua Huntington of Norwich, to superintend and execute the building a thirty-six gun frigate for the United States, as is ordered by Congress. And by them authorized to appoint such superintendant, as signified by the President and Mr. Wolcott, rec^d lately.

Appointment d^d Gen. Huntington, redrafted and more amply as per [p. 176].

Gave order on Col. W. Pitkin to supply Salisbury furnace with 28*lb.* brimstone, they being in necessity &c.

And also an order on Mr. Whittelsey at Middletown to furnish 20 blankets for the same use, both to be deliver'd Cap. Tily of Hartford.

Cap. Benajah Leffingwell applys for money to pay the premium of his company raised for Providence &c., and gave an order on the Pay-Table for £86 0, to be account. *Order d^d.*

And also an order to the selectmen of Norwich to furnish said Leffingwell with fire-arms, blankets, and accoutrements for said company, which he cannot otherwise obtain.

And many other matters to attend to, — and adjourned.

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THURSDAY, 13th, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip^{t} Dyer,	Jed. Elderkin,	Esq^{rs}.
Jz. Huntington,	Nathl Wales,	
Wm. Williams,	p. m. Wm. Hilhouse,	

Lt. McCluer resigns his appointment.

Col. Chandler here : sundry officers &c. to be settled for him.

Application by Capt. Grant for leave for Justus Miles to return home again &c. for sundry reasons appearing sufficient. Permission is granted and given on his giving proper bond, and is referred to Esq. Wolcot of Windsor to prepare a bond, and to return when required.

D^{d} Cap. C. Grant.

Good part of the time supplying vacant officers in Col. Chandler's regiment.

A great variety of applications from many persons, and adjourned to to-morrow morning.

FRYDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, MET ACCORDINGLY.

Present: Hon^{bl} the Governor.

Elip^{t} Dyer,	Jed^{h} Elderkin,	Esq^{rs}.
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	and p. m. Benj. Huntington,	

Agreed last evening prepared in part, and this morning sent forward (by Cap. Mansfield,) letters *via* Providence to Messrs. Livingston and Trumbull, (who are agents for the continent now at Boston to purchase cloathing &c.) to obtain of them for the use of our soldiery, *viz.:* cloathing for 4 battalions, and moving that one regiment be of dark brown &c., and that Mr. Jona. Trumbull now there is to apply for the same &c.

And also a letter to Mr. Trumbull, to apply for and endeavor to obtain of said Livingston and Trumbull cloathing for 4 battalions &c., and also to purchase and obtain where they can be had good fire-arms, sufficient for four battalions ; and voted the following letter of credit to him, *viz.:*

Voted and resolved, That Jona. Trumbull ju^{r}, Esqr, be and he is hereby authorized and fully impowered to draw on the Treasurer of this State for any sum. and in favor of any person or persons, as he may think and find necessary and proper, in payment for any quantity of fire-arms, accoutrements and cloathing, which he may have occasion to purchase in any of the N. England States, for the use of this State, and which he is authorized to procure, and any such drafts shall be duly honored on sight. He, said Trumbull, to render his account to this Board.

Sent by Cap. S. Mansfield to Providence.

Appointed Timo. Taylor, who was ensign, to be Second Lieutenant of Cap. Hinckley's company (which was Perit's) in room of Lt. Judson Whiting deceas'd, and Rufus Price Ensign of the same in room of said Taylor.

Certificate given to Mr. West, who apply'd by desire of Cap. Hinckly.

Col. Charles Webb applying about the £10 for his regiment &c. is deferred till a fuller Board &c.

Col. Chandler also, not finished with yesterday, present, and filling his regiment as far as may be.

Arranged Jno Shumway Captain in Cap. Bacon's room, in Col. Huntington's regiment.

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Henry Hill First Lieutenant in Richards company, room of Ab^{m} Wright resigned. Joel Gillet Second Lieutenant, in room of said Hill promoted; in Col. Huntington's regiment. Paul Percival Adjutant of Col. Huntington's regiment.

Appointed Martin Kirtland Captain of a company in Col. W. Douglass regiment instead of Cap. Munson resigned.

Granted a permit to Mr. Thos. Cooper, a commissary of stores at Montreal, and wife, to go to Gen. Schuyler to be subject to his further orders, on his giving his parole to the committee of prisoners at Hartford in usual form, to be indorsed on the permit now given, and authorizing said committee, if they see cause, to permit eight Canadian prisoners at or about Hartford to proceed to Gen. Schuyler and be subject to his further orders.

A permit was given to Mr. Munson Hoit, now resident at Stratford, to pass from this State to Jamaica on Long Island to visit his patron Mr. Christopher Smith and to take care of some particular business of his own and to return again to Stratford within thirty days, on his giving his parole to the civil authority not to give intelligence &c. *i. e.*, on condition the committee of Stratford, who know the man, think prudent and indorse the permit accordingly &c.

Bildad Granger is appointed First Lieutenant in Cap. Hall's company in Col. Chandler's regiment, and received his commission.

Paul Brigham is appointed Captain in Col. Chandler's regiment, and his commission was sent by Col. Chandler.

A permit was given to Mr. John Holstead to purchase six hh^{d} sugar, one hh^{d} rum, one chest of tea and fifteen hundred weight of coffee, in this State at the lawful prices, and carry the same out of this State for the use of the inhabitants of New Jersey. *Febr. 19^{t} the above permit was enlarged to six thousand weight of coffee.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY FEBRUARY 15TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,

Cap. Ledyard and Capt. Palmer present, being sent for to consult with about raising matross companies.

Voted, That an order be given on Gen. Jabez Huntington to deliver the chest of broken fire-arms in his hands, received from the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, to Wm Williams, Esqr, or his order, who is directed to take care that the same are well repaired, fitted and kept for the use of this State.

Voted, That Brigadier Gen. Parsons be desired to draw on Colonels Huntington and Durkee's battalions to the posts and forts at New London, Groton and Stonington, for defence at those places. That Lt. Colonel Dyer Throop, by and with the advice of Brig^{r}. Genl. Parsons, dismiss the militia at New London and Groton in such manner and form as to maintain a sufficient number for defence untill the continental regiments arrive sufficient for that purpose. And it seems that there are more militia now at those places than are necessary, which on the consultation above mentioned are directed to be reduced. And further, Capt. Nathan Palmer is ordered

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to dismiss the company under his command at Stonington so soon as Gen. Parsons shall send to that place a sufficient number of the continental troops for the defence of that post.

Voted, To raise a company of matrosses to be stationed at Groton and Stonington in the service of this State untill the first day of February A.D. 1778, unless sooner discharged. Said company to consist of one captain, one capt. lieutenant, two lieutenants, one lieutenant fire-worker, three serjeants, three corporals, one drummer, one fifer, eight gunners and 33 privates. That the pay of the captain be £8 0 0, the capt lieutenant £6 0 0, the lieutenants each £5 10 0, the lieutenant fire-worker £4 0 0, the serjeants 50*s*., the corporals 46*s*., the drummer 45*s*., the fifer 45*s*., and the gunners 44*s*. each, and the matrosses 43*s*. each per month. That each non-commission'd officer and private who shall engage and be accepted in said service shall receive a premium of 20*s*. and a further premium of 22*s*. each for finding and providing themselves with a good fire-arm and accoutrements and a good blanket and knapsack to the acceptance of the captain, and in proportion for such articles thereof as he shall find, and the blanket to be his own property, and shall be entituled to receive one months advance pay on his engaging in said service, and be subject to the rules and discipline of war and to such orders and rules as shall from time to time be given from the General Assembly or from his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety, or other their superior officers. That Capt. William Ledyard be and he is hereby appointed to be Captain of said company.

Voted, That Col. Jed^h^ Huntington's battalion have cloathing of the red coats brought in in a prize vessell, which cloathing is partly in the hands and care of Dr. Sam^ll^ Gray of Windham and partly in the hands and care of Col. Sam^ll^ Webb at Weathersfield, who are directed to deliver the same and take receipt to account.

John Ripley, Esqr, of Windham is appointed Major of the four companies under command of Captains Ebenezer Mosely, Asa Kinne, Benajah Leffingwell and Sanford Kingsbury, Esq^rs^.

At a meeting &c. Monday 17 February, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip^t^ Dyer,	Jed. Elderkin,	Esq^rs^
Jz. Huntington,	Nathl Wales,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Many motions &c. to attend to and consider.

The Hono. Continental Congress having on the 23^d^ of January, 1777, resolved that two frigates, one of 36 and the other of 28 guns, be immediately undertaken in the State of Connecticut; and whereas the Marine Committee on the 28 of January, 1777, ordered that Col. Wolcott transmit to Gov. Trumbull the resolve of Congress of Jany 23^d^ for building two frigates in Connecticut and that he impower Gov. Trumbull and his Council to determine upon the places where they shall be built and to appoint proper places* to execute and superintend the business; and whereas Col. Wolcott by his letter of the 29th Jan^y^ *ult^o^* has inclosed said resolve and

*Sic, q. *persons?*

order, and has in pursuance of the same impowered said Governor and Council for the purpose aforesaid :

Now therefore, by virtue of the power and authority as aforesaid, the said Governor and Council have and do determine that one of said frigages, *viz:* that one of said frigates 36 guns, be built in the river called Thames, between Norwich and New London, and do appoint Cap. Joshua Huntington of Norwich to execute and superintend the building of the same. *Copy given, dated 12th, as the appointment was then made, as per* [p. 172.]

Voted, To raise a company of matrosses to be stationed at New London in the service of this State untill the first day of February, A.D. 1778 unless sooner discharged. Said company to consist of one captain, one captain-lieutenant, two lieutenants, one lieutenant fire-worker, three serjeants, three corporals, one drummer, one fifer, eight gunners, and thirty-three privates. That the wages of the captain be £8 0 0 per month, the cap. lieutenant £6 0 0, the lieutenants £5 10 0 each, the lt. fire-worker £4 0 0, the serjeants 50*s.*, the corporals 46*s.*, the drummer 45*s.*, the gunners 46*s.* and the matrosses 43*s.* each per month. That each non-commissioned officer and private who [shall engage and be accepted in said service] shall receive a premium of 20*s.* and a further premium of 22*s.* each for finding and providing themselves with a good fire-arm and accoutrements and a good blanket and knapsack to the acceptance of the captain, and in proportion for such articles thereof as he shall find, and the blanket to be his own property, and shall be entituled to receive one months advance pay on his engaging in said service, and be subject to the rules and discipline of war and to such orders and rules as shall from time to time be given from the General Assembly or from his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety, or other their superior officers.

And that Capt. Nath[l] Saltonstall be and he is hereby appointed Captain, Nathaniel Coit jun[r] Captain-Lieutenant, Daniel Starr Lieutenant, and Daniel Dee Second Lieutenant, of said company of matrosses, and Blakeney is Lieutenant Fire-Worker of said company.

Voted, That Samuel Gray of Windham, Esq[r], deliver to Col. Jedidiah Huntington, Esq[r], colonel of a battalion raising for continental service during the present war for three years, or his order, the thirty packages of cloathing in his hands taken in a prize, numbered 12, 15, 11, 16, 3, 1, 14, 17, 9, 4, 20, 29, 30, 21, 16, 4, 13, 31, 30, 3, 6, 11, 7, 10, 17, 6, 13, 34, 6, 7, as per invoice, taking proper receipt therefor.

Order d[d] to Gardner Carpenter Feb[y] 17th, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY FEBRUARY 18th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Nath[l] Wales jun[r],	Esq[rs].
Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,	
Wm. Williams,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Titus Hosmer,		

Appointed Joshua Tilden Ensign of Cap. Paul Brigham's company.

The Hon[l] Continental Congress having on the 23[d] of Jan[y], 1777, resolved that two frigates, one of thirty-six, the other of twenty-eight guns, be immediately undertaken in the State of Connecticut; and whereas the Marine

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Committee on the 28th of January *ult*o ordered that Col. Wolcott transmit to Governor Trumbull the resolve of Congress of Jany 23d for building two frigates in Connecticut, and that he impower Governor Trumbull and his Council to determine upon the places where they shall be built and to appoint proper persons to execute and superintend the business; and whereas Col. Wolcott by his letter of the 29th of Jany *ult*o has inclosed said resolve and order, and has, in pursuance of the same, impowered said Governor and Council for the purpose aforesaid,

Now therefore, by virtue of the power and authority aforesaid, the said Governor and Council do determine that one of said frigates, *viz:* that of thirty-six guns, be built in the river called Thames, between Norwich and New London, and do appoint Capt. Joshua Huntington of Norwich to execute and superintend the building of the same; and that the other, *viz:* that of twenty-eight guns, be built on Connecticut River at Chatham, and do appoint Capt. John Cotton of Middletown to execute and superintend the building of the same.

Voted, To draw on Col. Wm. Williams of Lebanon, one of the committee for procuring fire-arms, to deliver to Cap. Benaj. Leffingwell or order, of Norwich, twenty-nine fire-arms with or without bayonets, for the use of Capt. Benajah Leffingwell's company, taking his receipt to return the same to him and account for such as may be lost. *Order d*d *to Deacon Simon Huntington, selectman, Feby 18,* 1777.

Voted, To draw on Capt. Joshua Huntington to deliver to the selectmen of Norwich 13 Colony arms in his hands, for the use of Capt. Benajah Leffingwell's company, taking the selectmen's receipt. *Order d*d *to Mr. Simon Huntington Feb 18th,* 1777.

A permit was given to Saml Coburn for 100 *lb.* wt of flax, and to George Coburn for 200 *lb.* wt of flax, and to one Blanchard for 200 *lb.* wt of flax, to be by them carried out of this Colony to N. Hampshire, the embargo notwithstanding.

Gideon Mills is appointed First Lieutenant in Col. Charles Webb's regiment and Capt. Packer's company, instead of Saml Webb who is absent.

George Hubbard is appointed First Lieutenant in Capt. Hinkley's company in Col. Webb's regiment, instead of James Betts.

Theops Munson is appointed or arranged Captain of a company in Col. Chandler's regiment in the room of Stephen Hall.

At a Meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, February 19th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliplt Dyer,	Jedh Elderkin,	Esqrs.
Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Nathl Wales junr,	
Titus Hosmer,	Benj. Huntington,	

A permit was given to John Lightbody to transport four hh'ds. of rum out of this Colony to the State of N. York, for the use of the inhabitants of Orange county.

Dudley Wright junr is appointed First Lieutenant, Solomon Tarbox

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Second Lieutenant, and Prentice Hosmer Ensign of a company in Col. Sam[l] Wyllys's regiment.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £108 13 4, for 326 gallons of rum bought of Zabdiel Rogers and company, for the use of the cannon foundery at Salisbury, in favour said Rogers and company.

Order drawn and d[d] to Dudley Woodbridge Feb[y] 19th, 1777.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for £3 16 0, in favour of Hezekiah Ripley jun[r], for a journey and expence to Boston on continental business.

An order d[d] to Mr. Wales Feb[y] 19th, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table deliver to the Commissioner of the Loan Office for this State the certificates of the Continental Loan Office that are or shall be sent into this State for the loan office here, and that they be directed to take of him duplicate receipts for the same and lodge one of them with the Secretary of this State, and transmit the other to his Honor the Governor to be forwarded to the Continental Treasurer.

Also voted and resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table receive of the Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office for this State the contents of two orders drawn on said loan office by the Continental Treasurer in favour of this State: one dated Jan[y] 6th, 1777, for forty thousand dollars, for the use of this State, for which this State is to account; the other dated Jan[y] 30th, 1777, for 33,333⅓ dollars, in payment of that sum advanced to Col. Sheldon at the request of Gen[l] Washington; and to indorse said orders as satisfied in behalf of this State, and that they pay the sums so by them received to the Treasurer of this State, taking duplicate receipts for the same, and that they lodge one of said receipts with the Secretary of this State and retain the other in their hands, making proper entries in their accounts of the sums by them received and paid over as aforesaid.

A motion being made to this Board by an officer appointed by this State in the new continental army, whether it is lawful and right to inlist soldiers out of any companies raised by order of this State upon particular occasions for the service of this or the neighbouring States for a short time or only for a few months:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that any officer appointed by this State, or others who have a right to inlist soldiers for the continental service in this State, may and have right to inlist such soldiers who are detached or inlisted for a short time or only for a few months for a particular service into the continental service, and that such soldier so inlisted into the continental service be from that time discharged from the particular service in which he was before engaged. And that what bounty such soldier so inlisting into the continental service has received from the State for his encouragement to inlist in the short and particular service be deducted from the £10 0 0 bounty to be given by this State in the continental service in proportion to the time he has been engaged in the particular service, which is agreeable to the act of Assembly in such case provided.

Andrew Fitch is appointed a Captain in Col. Durkee's regiment, instead of Capt. Abraham Tyler resigned.

A permit was given to Capt. Giles Mansfield to transport six hogsheads of sugar to Peeks Kills at the desire of Gen[l] Arnold, for the use of the army.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,	Jed^h Elderkin,	Esq^rs.
Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Titus Hosmer,	Nathl Wales jun^r,	

Gave an order on Christopher Leffingwell and Wm. Coit to deliver one hogshead of the molasses called tory molasses to Joseph Abel, for the use of the furnace at Salisbury, taking the exact guage of the molasses and Mr. Abel's receipt, which are to be delivered to Captain Jabez Perkins and Rufus Lathrop, Esqr.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £2 0 0, in favour of his Honor the Governor, for that sum advanced by him to one Benjamin Boss of Baltimore, who has been lately redeemed from captivity, to bear his expenses homeward. *Order drawn and d^d to the Govr Feby 20th*, 1777.

By the Governor and Council of Safety.

Application having been made to this Board by Ezekiel Howell, Daniel Howell and sundry other refugees from Long Island, friends to the country, praying for relief with respect to getting off their effects from said island to this State, as all intercourse with said island is prohibited by law &c.

Whereupon it is considered and resolved, That the civil authority and selectmen of the towns of Say Brook and Stonington, in each of their respective towns, on application to them in either of said towns by any such refugees for any boats or vessells to bring off any of their effects to enquire and obtain the best knowledge they can of the integrity of the persons so applying, and being satisfied thereof they are hereby authorized and impowered to allow and licence any boats or vessells and hands to assist in bringing off goods or effects from Long Island to the main and any friendly persons disposed to remove from thence, any restraining act or law to the contrary notwithstanding; and also to afford any such suffering refugees all reasonable relief and assistance to obtain such boats or vessells or otherwise as their circumstances may require, at their own risque and expence, using their prudent caution that no deceit be practiced under colour of such licence by any persons concerned or who may endeavor to avail themselves of an opportunity to devise or execute any mischief to these States. This authority to continue during the term of six weeks, and that due return be made to this Board of the proceedings thereon.

Jonathan Stone and Elisha Keyes are permitted to purchase and transport out of this State eight hundred weight of flax to Shrewsbury.

Voted, To give an order on Messrs. Elderkin and Wales, in favour of the selectmen of Hebron, for 200 *lb.* of powder for their town stock.

Sam^ll Granger is appointed Captain of a company in Col. Charles Webb's regiment, instead of Abiel Peas resigned. Benj. Holcom is appointed Second Lieutenant in said company.

Voted, To direct Elijah Backus, Esqr, to make another cannon: the first he made having split in proving.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,	Jed^h Elderkin,	Esq^rs.
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Nathl Wales jun^r,	
Titus Hosmer,	Benj. Huntington,	

Whereas his Excellency Genl Washington, by his letter to his Honor the Governor of the 10th instant, hath signified that he finds it impossible to keep the small pox from spreading through the army, and that he has therefore determined, upon the most mature deliberation, to inoculate all the new troops that have not had that disorder, and that he hath given directions that Brigadier Genl Parsons superintend the inoculation of the continental troops in this State, taking it for granted that we should have no objection to so salutary a measure, upon which depends not only the lives of all the men who have not had the small pox but also the health of the whole army: And whereas it appears to this Board that the measure proposed by his Excellency the General is salutary and necessary, and that from the advanced season of the year and the near approach of the time when the army must take the field it is of the greatest importance that the same be carried into execution without the least delay, and that the time that must necessarily be lost should the General Assembly be called to deliberate upon and regulate the same would probably expose the United States to inconvenience and danger for want of these troops seasonably in the field: Therefore, altho it would be most agreeable to this Board to refer matters of so high consequence to the determination of the General Assembly, yet from the necessity of the case and as it appears to this Board to be well within the powers vested in them by the acts of the General Assembly,

Resolved, ordered and recommended, That the new raised troops in this State for continental service be inoculated with the small pox as soon as possible.

And that the same may be done with as little danger and inconvenience to the rest of the inhabitants of this State as may be, it is further resolved, That the Honble Brig^r Genl Parsons be and he is directed to consult with the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns where he shall judge it most convenient to have said troops inoculated, and with their consent, advice and assistance, to provide suitable hospitals for that purpose, and that he provide proper surgeons, nurses and attendants, and also give orders that necessary bedding, utensils, food, medicine and refreshments, be furnished to said soldiers in such hospitals, and that he give orders that proper guards and sentries be placed round such hospitals, to prevent any unnecessary communication with the persons infected from without and to prevent any infected soldier from wandering out of such hospital to expose the inhabitants, and also that such soldiers when convalescent be thoroughly cleansed and purified from such infection, both in their persons and clothes: all without expense to this State.

Also voted and resolved, That the selectmen of the several towns in which such hospitals shall be be and they are directed, upon the request of Genl Parsons, to afford him every necessary aid and assistance in the premises and to take the utmost care that the small pox be not spread from such hospitals; and that to this purpose they make such rules and orders for the

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government and regulation of such hospitals as they are enabled to do respecting the small pox or other infectious sickness by the statute of this State providing in case of sickness, under the pains and penalties in said act contained.

Also voted and resolved, That the families of such persons as shall let out their houses as hospitals for the purpose aforesaid may be inoculated therein with the soldiers aforesaid.

Also resolved and voted, That Gen[l] Parsons be directed to report to his Honor the Governor what progress he shall make in the business aforesaid from time to time, that any further orders may be given and measures taken to render the inoculation of said troops safe and effectual.

Erastus Wolcott jun[r] is appointed First Lieutenant of Capt. Parsons's company in Col. Charles Webb's regiment in continental service. Timothy White is appointed Second Lieutenant in the same company. Noah Phelps of East Windsor is appointed Ensign of the same company.

Voted, To give an order on Dr. Joshua Elderkin to deliver to Col. Wm. Douglass or his order three hundred blew coats in his hands lapell'd with ash colour; taking receipt.

Order drawn and d[d] Gen[l] Parsons Feb[y] 21st, 1777.

Voted, That this Council desire his Honor the Governor to draw on President Hancock for twenty-five thousand dollars, in favour of Mr. Nath. Shaw jun[r] on the credit of this State, together with a letter of advice of what we are advancing here in cannon and other things for the continent. Said 25,000 dollars to be in account with Mr. Shaw, agreeable to his request in a letter this day received from him.

An order was drawn Feb[y] 21st and d[d] to Peter Christophers for Mr. Shaw.

Voted, To grant a bounty of ten pounds to each non-commission'd officer and soldier who shall be inlisted and be accepted as being of the quota of soldiers to be raised in this State to make up the sixteen battalions ordered by Congress to be raised in the United States of America in addition to the 88 battalions for three years or during the present war with Great Britain; which bounty of ten pounds is to be in addition to the continental encouragement to be given to said troops in the same manner and for the same purpose as the bounty or premium of ten pounds which was given by the General Assembly at their session in December last to the soldiers of the 8 battalions ordered by Congress to be raised in this Colony as part of the 88 battalions aforesaid.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, FEBRUARY 22[D], 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer, Titus Hosmer, Jabez Huntington, Benj. Huntington, Wm. Williams, } Esq[rs].

Voted, To draw on Prosper Wetmore, Esq[r], in favour of Capt. Seth Harding for the sum of £1000 15 6½, in full settlement of said Harding's accounts and said Harding's receipt for that sum said Witmore to be computed in his favour in a settlement of his accounts with this State.

Order drawn and d[d] to Capt. Harding Feb[y] 22[d], 1777.

Sundry letters to N. London committee, to Capt. Tracey, Messrs. Trumbull

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and Livington &c. Others were prepared and sent which took up the greater part of the forenoon.

Voted, To permit John L. C. Rome, Esqr, of New York, now confined in Norwich as a person disaffected and dangerous to the interest of the United States of America, to return to New York on his giving his parole not to do or say anything contrary to the measures adopted by the said States to preserve their rights and liberties as free and independent States, and that he will return back and resign himself up to the care and custody of the sheriff of N. London county where he now is when thereto requested by the Governor and Council of Safety, or by the same authority that first ordered him here for confinement. And Rufus Lathrop and Christopher Leffingwell, Esq^{rs}, are hereby authorized and desired to take his parole in the manner and for the purpose aforesaid; which being done and properly certified by them he, the said Rome, is hereby permitted to pass into New York without molestation. (He behaving as becometh on the way.) *Copy given.*

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Lebanon, February 24th, 1777, Monday.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

A N. E^{ly} snow
A.M. not much.
Increased to an exceeding
heavy wind and storm
tho not a vast deal of
snow fell &c.

Elip^{t} Dyer,
Wm. Williams,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed. Elderkin,
Nathl Wales,
} Esq^{rs}.

Various applications &c.

On request of Mr. Andrew Huntington for a draft of 6 or 8 pounds for purchasing articles of cloathing &c., alledging that so much is due to him to ballance in that account, and moving for an order of Mr. Wetmore, marshall of the admiralty court &c. Voted, that an order be drawn on Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, marshall of the admiralty court. and who has public moneys in his hands on account of sales of prize goods &c., in favour of Mr. Andrew Huntington for the sum of six hundred pounds: he to be accountable, on his commissary service for purchasing cloathing.

Applications about matters &c.

Large number of tories present, being allowed to come this day &c., and permission was voted and granted Job Barnlock, Enoch Warren, Jos. Olmstead, and Richard Partrick, of Norwalk, residing at Coventry, and Frederic Dibble and Step^{n} Wilson of Stamford, residing at Lebanon, to return home and remain untill recalled or sent back, on their having signed a full and ample declaration of the justice and the American cause, [with] profession of their friendship to it and readiness to take up arms in defence of it &c. &c.

A number of letters and copys prepared for Genl Washington &c.

At a meeting &c. Tuesday, 25 February, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph. Dyer, Titus Hosmer,
Wm. Williams, Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Nathl Wales,
} Esq^{rs}.

Three more torys, *viz:* Gardner Olmsted of Norwalk, Nath^{ll} Munday and Sam^{ll} Crissy of Stamford. came in and signed the same declaration

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as those of yesterday above mentioned, and were permitted in the same manner to return home.

Letters preparing and copying for Gen[l] W. &c.

Gen[l] Spencer came in from Providence &c., and moves, if practicable, to have some further relief and assistance of men &c. to enable him to carry into execution the proposed plan of making an attack upon the island of Rhode Island, with a view to dislodge the enemy's troops posted there &c. &c., they having made great preparation for that purpose and fear they shall not be able to make the attempt for want of men.

The matter talked, considered and consulted.

Maj. Wyllys came in having been lately to solicit an exchange of himself &c. and not able, has liberty if he can send Cap. Luke a prisoner in this State &c.

On motion about Hubbard and Jn[o] Wilson of Stamford, tory prisoners residing in this town &c. voted,

Whereas Hubbard and Jn[o] Wilson of Stamford in this State, who have been adjudged inimical to the rights and liberties of America and by order of law sent to reside and are now residing in the town of Lebanon, have frequently visited houses and persons infected with the small pox, and returned to and among other persons, houses and company not infected, so as to expose them, and thereby and by other conduct given fear, uneasiness and disquiet to many of the inhabitants of said town lest they have or sho'd communicate the infection of said disease, and having taken other libertys of travelling out of said town where they were to be confined &c. &c.: It is resolved and ordered by this Board, that the said Hubbard and Wilson, and all others sent to this town in like circumstances, be and they are hereby subjected to the advice, direction and government of the selectmen of said town as to their residence, conduct and behavior, so long as they remain in said town and untill he or they shall be removed or otherwise disposed, on pain of imprisonment or such other punishment as may be ordered and directed by this Board.

At a meeting of the Governor &c. Wednesday, 26 February, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

A clear thawy day.

Elp[t] Dyer, Titus Hosmer, Jz. Huntington, Jed. Elderkin, Wm. Williams, Nath[l] Wales, } Esq[rs].

Dispatched Wm. Torry jun[r] an express to Gen[l] Washington with N[o]. letters, and to Commissary Mease &c. &c.

Maj[r] Wyllys moving to be exchanged for Cap. Luke &c. is referred till an answer be received from the General, to whom we now have wrote for his approbation of the proposal &c.

Mr. Elsworth of the Pay-Table moving for instructions about paying the £10 bounty to our proportion of the 16 new proposed battalions &c., and the following prepared and passed, *viz:*

This Board having voted and resolved that a bounty of ten pounds be paid by this State to so many of the non-commission officers and soldiers that shall inlist in this State into the 16 battalions ordered by Congress the 27th December last to be raised in addition to the 88 before ordered, as our

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proportion of the same shall amount to at the rate of one to eleven, being the proportion of the 88 battalions assigned us by Congress,

It is now voted and resolved, That our proportion of said 16 battalions at the rate aforesaid is one thousand men.

Also voted and ordered, That the aforesaid bounty be distributed as follows, *viz:* to non-commission officers and soldiers belonging to this State who shall inlist into the battalion under the command of Col. Sam[l] B. Webb to the number of five hundred; to the non-commission officers and soldiers of this State who shall inlist into the battalion of which Return Jona. Meigs, Esq. is appointed lieutenant colonel to the number of 250, and to the non-commission officers and soldiers of this State who shall inlist into the battalion of which Thos. Dyer, Esq[r], is appointed lieutenant colonel to the number of two hundred and fifty.

And the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for said bounty to be advanced to the captains in said battalions that are or may be appointed in this State out of the same funds and under the same restrictions and regulations that they draw for the bounty granted by the General Assembly to the eight battalions before ordered to be raised in this State for continental service.

Consultation about ways and means of furnishing succours to Gen[l] Spencer, according to his application and motion yesterday, and about many things.

AT A MEETING &c. THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip[t] Dyer,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq[rs].
Jz. Huntington,	Jed. Elderkin,	
Wm. Williams,	Nath[l] Wales,	

Consultation about the alarming accounts coming of the extortion and evasion of dealers in all West India goods especially, and the great difficulties bro't upon people by means thereof &c.

And frequently interrupted by applications from others, letters coming in &c.

And on Cap. Colt's motion &c. &c. and other recommendations &c. Jn[o] Harris is appointed First Lieutenant in Cap. Nat. Webb's company.

Gen. Spencer came in again.

Wm. Nichols is appointed Pay-Master of Col. Swift's regiment.

Gen[l] Spencer being disappointed of the troops he had been encouraged from B. Gen. Parsons seems doubtful whether he can possibly obtain men enow for his proposed expedition at New Port &c., and goes back to Providence to learn what can [be] had from Massachusetts &c, and if he shall be like to succeed, he is authorized to call upon a number of officers at the eastern part of this State, to raise and bring on such numbers of men as they can, and this Board engage they shall be paid &c., and the General is to write immediately what his prospects are and goes off on his return to Providence.

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Mr. David Trumbull presented his account as follows, *viz:*

Lebanon, 1776.

Dr. State of Connecticut in account with David Trumbull, Cr.

To 174 Guns @ 52*s.* 8 per gun	£459	4	0	1775. Sep. 8, By Cash	£100.	0.	0
To 12 do. 66*s.* 6	39	18	0	1776. Jan. 29, By old horse, sold Jona. Trumbull jr	2.	0.	0
To 2 do. bo't by order of Gov. and Council of Safety	7	2	0	Ap. 12 By cash	150.	0	0
Feb. 12, To p^d^ Sim^n^ Waterman for loss of saddle with Frenchman,	1	10	0	By 84 gun-locks rec^d^ of Col. Sears @ 12*s.* per L	50.	8.	0
Oct. 16, To p^d^ Saml Hunt, express to Boston,	3	18	6	Ballance due,	212.	16.	10
29, To p^d^ Asa Edgerton, express to Haddam and N. London,	2	0	0				
1777.							
Jan. 12, To p^d^ Moses Hyde for horse hire from Leb. to go to Col. Ward, Guilford, 40 miles @ 2½ per mile,	0	8	4				
15, To p^d^ Darius Waterman express to Col. Champion, directing him to go to Providence,	0	9	0				
28, To p^d^ Thos. Marshal, express to Col. Gallup's,	0.	15.	0				
	£515.	4.	10		£515.	4.	10

Said account allowed, and voted an order to be drawn in favour of said Mr. Trumbull for the ballance £212. 16. 10.

On motion the following is advised and voted, *viz:*

Whereas sixty thousand dollars have been lately transmitted to me, the Governor of the State of Connecticut, by order of his Excellency Genl Washington, from Mr. Palfrey, pay-master general of the continental army, toward the premium granted by Congress to the continental troops raising in this State, to be delivered out to the colonels of the said several battalions, I do, by and with the advice of the Council of Safety, hereby appoint and authorize Mr. David Trumbull to receive said sum, and the same pay out and deliver to said several colonels, taking and keeping proper receipts and accounts thereof: saving that twenty thousand dollars, part

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thereof, is by express request of Gen[l] Washington already sent to Gen[l] Knox of the artillery.

Done at Lebanon in said State the 27th February, A.D. 1777.

Signed JON[A] TRUMBULL.

A copy of the above motion and vote taken by the Committee of Accounts, Dec. 27, 1786.

Many other incidental matters consulted and no votes about them.

And adjourned 9 o'clock at night, the steady time.

AT A MEETING &c. FRYDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Extreme cold and windy.	Elip[t] Dyer,	Jed. Elderkin,	Esq[rs].
Much changed from yesterday.	Jz. Huntington,	Nath[l] Wales,	
Mr. Hosmer gone home.	Wm. Williams,		

Benja. Brown, of Fishers Island, is moving for pay for the stock taken from thence last July, and the matter considered and compared &c., and is allowed, and the following order and state is drawn on the Pay-Table, *viz:*

To the Committee of P. T., Hartford,

Gent: The amount and value of the stock taken from Fishers Island in July last by order of Gov[r] and C. of Safety and direction of Gen[l] Washington, to save it from the enemy, is and was by the apprizement of Messrs. Eb. Ledyard, Eb. Avery jun[r] and R. Mumford, £570 3. Part of which, to the value of £272 6 0, was sold Col. Champion, for which he is to account to this State. Cash sent by the committee to the Governor, and by him paid to the Treasurer £239 3 0, — £511 9. The ballance of loss, in sales and expences, which ought to be charged to the debit of the United States of America, £58 14. 570 3.

Mr. Jno. Winthrop, administrator on the estate of Jno. Still Winthrop, Esq, dec[d]., certifies, 26 Feb. 1777, that Mr. Benj. Brown is under bond for the performance of his lease and accountable to the heirs of said deceased for the use and improvement of Fishers Island, the stock &c.

You are therefore directed to draw on the Treasurer in favour of said Mr. Benja. Brown, for the payment of the abovementioned sum of five hundred and seventy pounds three shillings, in discharge of said account for the Fishers Island stock, and make entry of the several accounts accordingly, and call upon Col. Champion for the amount of stock by him purchased as aforesaid, and lodge with and charge the Treasurer.

Consultations about how and what can be done to check the extortion of the times &c. &c.

Appointed Neh. Rice First Lieutenant in Cap. Dav[d] Smith's company in Col. Chandler's regiment, and transposed Lt. Baldwin from that co. to Cap. Botsford's company in Col. Swift's regiment.

On application from Mr. Griffith from Guilford &c. advised the Governor to grant him a permit to go out with a vessell, with stores &c. and 5 barrels pork and beef including vessell's stores, in order to bring in salt.

Voted, That Mr. Andrew Huntington, of Norwich, be and he is directed to purchase and procure fifty hogsheads of rum, West Indian or N. England, for the use of this State for supply of our troops according to the engagement of the General Assembly, and at a price not exceeding the sum set and limited by law, and make report immediately whether he can obtain

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it or not; and that Mr. Chauncey Whittelsey, of Middletown, do also purchase one hundred hogsheads of W. I. or N. E. rum for the same use, and to report as abovesaid; and that David Webb, of Stamford, purchase and provide also one hundred hogsheads of such W. I. or N. E. rum for the use and to make report as aforesaid.

Whereas his Honor the Governor received a few days since 60,000 dollars from Gen[l] Washington, towards paying the continental premiums, of which sum his Honor has by advice of the Council of Safety delivered five hundred dollars to Colo. Walter Stewart who is now at Boston, imployed by a committee of Congress to provide many articles and military stores for the use of the army: Whereupon the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for said sum of 500 dollars in favour of the Governor, to replace said sums delivered said Stewart, and charge the continent for said sum advanced as aforesaid.

Order drawn and copy given. A copy taken by the committee of account, Dec. 27, 1786.

Prepared and voted the form of a Proclamation to be signed and issued by the Governor, to inforce the law for regulating prices &c.

Gen. Huntington to get printed at Norwich.

And many things attended, to and about &c. &c.

And adjourned to Tuesday next, 4th March.

TUESDAY MARCH 4TH, 1777.

His Honor the Governor.

Wm. Williams,
Jed[h] Elderkin,
Nath[l] Wales jun[r],
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq[rs] were present to attend on business, but for want of a quorum were obliged to adjourn till tomorrow.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MARCH 5TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Benj. Huntington,
Wm. Williams, Nath[l] Wales jun[r],
Jed[h] Elderkin, Wm. Hillhouse,

Voted, To draw an order in favour of Col. Jed[h] Huntington on the selectmen of Norwich or Mr. Andrew Huntington, commissary of cloathing at Norwich, for thirty blankets for the use of the soldiers in his regiment.

An order was drawn March 5th, 1777, directed to the selectmen of Norwich, if they have or can have the blankets collected, or otherwise to Mr. Andrew Huntington, commissary of cloathing.

Large consultation about the practicability, and how &c. &c. to effect an attempt on Long Island, to destroy forage &c. according to Gen[l] Washington's proposal in letter to G. Parsons, who is also present.

Voted, To give order to draw off Col. John Ely from Providence to march to N. London with four companies of his men, there to wait further orders.

Voted, To order Messrs. Doolittle & Co., at New Haven, to deliver to the selectmen of Milford 130 *lb.* of cannon powder for the use of the fort there. *Ordered d[d] to Lt. Prudden March 5th, 1777.*

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Eli Catlin is appointed Captain in Col. Heman Swift's regiment, instead of Capt. Robert Walker engaged in the train of artillery.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY MARCH 6TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Jed^{h} Elderkin, Wm. Williams, Nathl Wales jun^{r}, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^{rs}.

Joseph Fish is appointed a Second Lieutenant in Capt. Lee's company in Col. Durkee's regiment.

Orders were sent to Genl Spencer to order Col. Ely with four of his companies to N. London to wait further orders.

A letter was sent to Col. Ely to notify him of his march, which is not to be delayed.

William Fitch, a tory convict from Stanford now confined in Canterbury, is permitted to return to Stanford and from thence to Canterbury within twenty days, upon his giving bond with surety in the sum of £200 0 0, that he shall not do or say any thing against these States and return within that time, and a letter was written to the committee of Canterbury to take such bond.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for £540, in favour of Chauncey Whittelsey of Middletown on account of purchasing cloathing.

An order was drawn March 6th, 1777, and d^{d} to Mr. Whittelsey.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY MARCH 7TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Jed^{h} Elderkin, Wm. Williams, Nathl Wales jun^{r}, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^{rs}.

Consultation about procuring cheese &c. for refreshment for our troops, not got thro'.

And Colo. Charles Webb came in and good deal to do and say to him about arranging &c. officers &c.

Sailing orders were given to Capt. Niles to go in the *Spy* to Maryland or Virginia for flour &c.

Major Isaac Sherman is promoted to be Lieutenant Colonel in Col. Charles Webb's battalion in continental service.

Hezekiah Holdridge is appointed to be Major of Col. Charles Webb's regiment in continental service.

Webb is appointed to be Paymaster of Col. Charles Webb's battalion.

Upon the memorial of Capt. John Nott and others, commander and owners of the brig of war *America* now lying at Black Rock in Fairfield, for a permit to take on board said brig a sufficient number of hands and remove her to the port of N. London in this State: Voted and resolved, that the owners and commander of said brig have liberty to take on board a sufficient number of hands and remove said brig to the port of N. London, and on arriving there to dismiss all said hands saving a sufficient number to work on board and take care of said brig. *Copy given to Capt. Nott March 7th, 1777.*

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Mr. John Tuttle of Southold on Long Island, who fled for refuge to this State, is permitted to transport by land from this to the State of N. York thirteen hhds. of rum and ten hhds of sugar, to be used for the continental army.

Voted, To permit Mr. David Munro to bring forward thirty-six hundred weight of flax by him purchased in this Colony, as far as Hartford and there deposit the same in the hands of Capt. Wm. Tiley, there to remain untill further orders.

Voted, To give order on Capt. Eph^{m} Bill to deliver a barrel of rum to Capt. Robert Niles, for the use of the schooner *Spy*. *Ordered d^{d} to Capt. Niles March 7th, 1777.*

Voted, To draw an order on Capt. John Deshon for two barrels of pork, one barrel of beef, and bread enough for his voyage to Maryland.

Order d^{d} to Capt. Niles March 7th, 1777.

John Mills is appointed First Lieutenant in a company in Col. Swift's regiment.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £16. 16. 0, in favour of Lt. John Mills, it being for money advanced by him for expence in the defence of the harbour at Fairfield.

Order drawn March 7th, 1777, d^{d} to Mr. Mills.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MARCH 8TH, 1777. SATURDAY.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Nathl Wales jun^{r}, Wm. Williams, Benj. Huntington, Jed^{h} Elderkin, } Esq^{rs}.

Whereas Thomas Allen of New London by authority &c. of said town is judged inimical to the liberties of the American States and ought to be removed from said town &c. and thereupon said Allen is sent to the Governor and his Council of Safety to be assigned to such place and limits as they shall order and direct: It is therefore voted, resolved and ordered, that said Allen be sent to the town of Windham in this State, there to abide within the limits of the first society in said town under the care, direction and oversight of Major Ebenezer Backus and Capt. Hezekiah Huntington, two of the committee of inspection in said town of Windham, till further orders from this Board.

Whereas Mr. Hezekiah Thomson of Woodbury on the first day of February, 1777, bought of Capt. Abiather Camp of New Haven three hogsheads of rum guaged at 340 gallons, as appears by his bill of parcels, which he says he wants for the use of his tavern &c., since which the same has been seized by Col. Jonathan Fitch for the use of the publick, supposing the same to be engrossed by said Camp: Wherefore it is voted and resolved by this Board, that said three hogsheads of rum be and the same is hereby released to said Thomson, and Col. Jonathan Fitch is hereby directed to release the same to him accordingly.

Whereas the terms of service of the militia at the forts in New London and Groton is nearly expired: Voted and resolved, that one 4th part of the 3^{d} and eighth regiments of militia in this State be draughted and formed into companies and officered with one captain, one lieutenant and

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one ensign, to be appointed by the field officers of those regiments from among the officers now in commission, and equipped with blankets and with their arms and accoutrements, and where it may appear that any soldiers have not arms they shall be equipped with such as are at New London and Groton belonging to the publick. Those draughted from the third regiment to be formed and officered for one company, and those from the eighth regiment in two companies.

And it is further resolved, That the company of Veteran Guards in the 20th regiment of militia be augmented to sixty-four privates by a draught from the other companies in that regiment exclusive of the Light Infantry, and be under the officers of the Veteran Guards and equipped as aforesaid, which companies so draughted, formed and equipped, are to be forthwith marched to said forts: those from the third and twentieth regiments to garrison the fortification and posts at and near New London, and those from the eighth regiment in like manner to the forts at and near Groton; and all serving both at New London and Groton to be under the command of Major Nathan Gallup untill the 15th day of April next unless sooner discharged. And his Honor the Governor is desired to issue his orders accordingly.

John Mills is appointed to be Captain of a company in Col. Swift's battalion in continental service.

Sylvanus Mead of Greenwich is appointed First Lieutenant of the same company.

An order was given to Mr. Andrew Huntington, commissary of cloathing for the army, to provide and deliver to Col. Jedh Huntington seven hundred hats for his regiment.

David Spencer is appointed Second Lieutenant in Capt. Holmes's company in Col. Jedh Huntington's regiment instead of Thomas Updike Fosdick.

Gideon Bailey is appointed to be Ensign of the same company.

Voted, To draw, in favour of Capt. John Deshon, for £1500 0 0, on Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, to be on account of services and expences incurred by said Deshon for the publick. *Order drawn March 8th*, 1777.

On motion of Col. Webb and Cap. Mills, from Genl Silliman &c.

Resolved, That the military guard ordered and stationed at Fairfield, be under the direction of Brigr Gen Silliman with the advice of the civil authority of said town, as to the particular place or places and situations within the same where they, said guards, shall be kept and do duty, untill further orders. And the selectmen of said town are authorized to draw and receive of Mr. Doolittle and Compa., owners of a powder-mill at N. Haven, such quantity of cannon-powder and also musquet-powder as they shall judge necessery for serving the cannon in said Fairfield and for necessary defence: said selectmen to lodge their receipt for what they shall receive with said Doolittle, and to be accountable. And said Genl Silliman with advice as aforesaid are impowered to use the field and other cannon in said Fairfield at their best discretion. *Copy given, dd Cap. Jno. Mills.*

Administrators of Mr. Sim. Gray deceased laid in the account for his services of riding post from this town to Hartford the last summer &c. twenty-six weeks at 15*s*, which is the sum agreed with him by the Governor and is allowed. Amount £19 10 0. *And order given on Pay-Table.*

Maj. Elij. Hide laid in an account for cash paid to two men going to Saybrook last summer, for guns for his troop ordered to N. York, being 20*s*.: is allowed and order given.

Adjourned to Tuesday next 11th instant.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MARCH THE 11th, 1777. TUESDAY.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Jedh Elderkin,	Esqrs.
Elipt Dyer,	Nathll Wales, junr,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Voted an order of twenty pounds on the Pay-Table in favour of Jesse Brown, post to Gen. Washington and Congress, to be charged the continent. (*Order dd said Brown.*)

Large number of letters had been received and laid before and read.

Gen. Parsons writes for directions about his Long Island expedition, and there appearing now to be a number.

David Strong is appointed to be First Lieutenant in Capt. Solomon Strong's company in Col. Bradley's regiment, instead of Lt. Banks resigned.

Ebenezer Olmstead is appointed Second Lieutenant in Capt. Sanford's company in Col. Bradley's regiment, instead of Thaddeus Weed resigned.

Voted, To raise a company of matrosses to consist of thirty-two [ ] be raised and stationed at Fairfield and parts adjacent and properly officered. And Capt. John Greenell is appointed to be Captain of said company. And Brigr. Genl Silliman is impowered to appoint a lieutenant of said company.

Whereas our quota of troops from this State are wanted to join Majr Genl Spencer's division of the army at Rhode Island and Providence Plantation; and whereas the more eastern regiments have been frequently called into service at N. London and Providence &c., and are now again returning, and there is now also great appearance of the enemy's ships and troops off New London &c.

Voted and resolved, That a detachment sufficient to form six companies of eighty-six privates each properly officered, be forthwith made for that purpose from the following regiments of the militia of this State, *viz.:* From the eleventh regiment one such company, from the 18th one, from the 19th two, from the 21st one, and from the 22d one. Each of said companies to be commanded by one captain, two lieutenants and one ensign, to be appointed by the field officers of those regiments from among the officers now in commission and to be equipped with their arms and accoutrements and marched directed to Providence, under command of (Majr Jno Ripley, as appointed p. 82 top.*) and put themselves under command of the commanding officers there untill the first day of May next unless sooner discharged, and the selectmen of the towns where the troops so to be draughted belong are to supply blankets, arms &c. for such as cannot furnish themselves, which arms and blankets are to be returned to such selectmen at the expiration of said service. And that £1 0 0, L. money, shall be advanced to the non-commission officers and soldiers towards their first months pay. And his Honor the Governor is desired to issue his orders accordingly.

Such as are draughted are to be excused after the expiration of this service till the rest shall have taken their turn of duty.

Voted, To permit Jacob Griffin to carry out four hhds. of N. England rum for the use of the inhabitants of the State of N. York.

Voted, To appoint Isaac Turner [to] be a First Lieutenant in Capt. Robert Lewis's company in Col. Webb's regiment.

Adjourned to Fryday next, the 14th inst.

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* April 8d, p. 202 of this volume.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MARCH 14th, 1777, FRYDAY.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliphalet Dyer,	Jedh Elderkin,	Esqrs.
Jabez Huntington,	Nathll Wales junr,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Jonathan Sled is appointed Ensign in Capt. Beardslee's company in Col. Swift's regiment, and Jonth Moore is appointed Ensign in Capt. Chapman's company in the same regiment.

Adino Hale is appointed Ensign of Theodore Woodbridge's company in the same regiment.

Voted, To permit Col. Andrew Morehouse to purchase 2 hhds. of West India rum and two hogsheads of sugar and transport the same to the State of N. York for the use of the inhabitants there.

Voted, To arrange Capt. Vine Elderkin and his subalterns and company in Col. Swift's regiment as at first; and Capt. John Mills to Col. John Chandler's regiment instead of Capt. Elderkin and his company.

Capt. Michael Melally is dismissed from his office on board the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, on his own request.

Col. Swift was in *a. m.* Good deal to do with him about the affairs of his regiment, filling up, arranging &c., and about cloathing &c.

Gen. Sullivan came in *p. m.* with important letter from Gen. Washington about another supply of militia and the state of his army &c. &c. considered.

Mr. Kirtland came in also, has with him a number of warrior Indians from Oneida &c. and much to do and say with him about them &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY SATURDAY, MARCH 15th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Jedh Elderkin,	Esqrs.
Wm. Williams,	Nathl Wales junr,	
Elipht Dyer,	Benj. Huntington,	

Aaron Butler is appointed Ensign in Capt. Barnard's company in Col. Wyllys's regiment.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £25 0 0, in favour [of] the Revd Samll Kirtland, to enable him to bear the expence of his journey through this State to Gen. Washington.

Order drawn and dd to Mr. Kirtland March 15th, 1777.

The Revd Mr. Samll Kirtland came in with six warriors from the Six Nations, *viz.:* Kayendalongwea, a chosen Free Williamko, Head Warrior — Kaghnegtotis, Pine-Spliter — Hendrake, the 2d Warrior — Shaleslago, Blazing Spear, Quedel alias Peter — Yeghleghtzi, Joseph — Kaghlaghquisene, William — Yolonghyagewea, Clear Sky — who are traveling through the States to obtain what knowledge they can of the state of the country with regard to the present war and report the same to the Nations. The forepart of the day was chiefly spent in delivering to them a speech and belt &c. and in receiving their answer &c. A gun, a gun-lock and belt, strings &c. were delivered to them in token of friendship, the gun and lock being man-

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ufactured here and given as a specimen of American workmanship. A letter from a great house in France to his Honor the Governor, offering supplies, was also communicated to them, and they appeared greatly pleased.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, March 17th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer, Nathl Wales jun^r, Jabez Huntington, Benj. Huntington, Wm. Williams, } Esq^rs.

Voted, To permit of New Brantrey in the State of the Massachusets Bay to purchase one ton of flax in the county of Fairfield to make cloathing for the continental army and to transport the same to said N. Brantrey to be manufactured there as their proportion of said linen cloathing.

Brig^r Genl Parsons, Col. Bradley and Lt. Col. Dimon are present, and some considerable time spent with them in arranging officers &c. and in exchanging some subalterns from one place to another.

Voted, To draw on Messrs. Elderkin and Wales for one hundred weight of powder, in favour of the selectmen of Tolland for their town stock, for which they are to be accountable.

Order d^d to Col. Chapman March 17th, 1777.

A Proclamation or order to sundry regiments to detach men to go to Peekskills &c. agreeable to the requisition of Genl Washington was draughted and voted in order for the press.

Adjourned till March 18th, 1777.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, March 18th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer, Nathl Wales jun^r, Jabez Huntington, Benj. Huntington, Wm. Williams, } Esq^rs.

P. M. Titus Hosmer, Esqr, and Wm. Hilhouse, Esqr.

Gen. Parsons, Col. Bradley and Col. Dimon were in this morning to finish their business begun yesterday.

Ebenezer Gray is appointed to be Major in Col. Douglass's battalion in continental service, instead of Isaac Sherman promoted.

His Honor the Governor wrote to the Committee of War in the State of the Massachusets Bay to supply Genl Parsons or order with proper medicine for the purpose of inoculation.

A letter came in from Capt. Seth Harding, requesting some advice, whether to allow one Cornelius Dunham of the brig *Defence*, who was wounded in their fight in Boston Bay and was at home lame in time of a cruise made afterwards, his share of prize money and his wages whilst disabled to serve by reason of his wound; to which an answer was given that no reason appears to this Board against it.

This Board taking into consideration the slow progress made in filling up the continental battalions to be raised in this State and the vast importance of their being immediately compleated and of every possible exertion for that purpose, as from the present appearance it is more than probable that should

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these United States freely exert themselves at this time and for a few months to come, the unnatural war we are engaged in might be brought to a happy close and peace and rest be restored to our country; and considering the many advantages we have (by the blessing of Divine Providence) gained over our enemies there appears the greatest encouragement to exert ourselves most chearfully in the defence of our just rights and privileges, and in filling up said battalions for that purpose: Therefore, to promote the same,

It is voted and resolved by this Board, To ascertain the quota or proportion of each town to compleat said battalions, and that said towns be certified thereof, and that the civil authority, selectmen and military officers, and all friends to the liberties of mankind, be requested and exhorted to exert themselves to their utmost, and that immediately, as they regard the welfare and salvation of their country, in incouraging and procuring the quotas of their respective towns to engage in said service, to promote and encourage such inlistment: And least any should be embarrassed by the prospect of leaving their families without a security of their being properly provided for, it is earnestly recommended to the several towns in this State to engage and promise such soldiers as shall undertake in said service and not have time and opportunity to lay out their money and make proper provision for their families, (such as have any,) that their said families on their reasonable request shall be supplied in their absence with necessaries at the prices stated by law, and that each town severally appoint a committee for that purpose to see them provided for and supplied accordingly on such soldiers lodging or from time to time remitting money to said committee for that purpose, and without any additional expence; and the necessary expence attending the same to be born by such towns respectively; and that the several towns in this State, on proper notice to be given by the selectmen, meet together as soon as may be, in order to agree upon this regulation and to appoint committees accordingly and also to agree and firmly unite among themselves strictly to adhere to the law regulating prices, and to use their joint and several influence to support and maintain the same as a very important and necessary regulation for the support of the army and preventing every measure artfully taken for oppressing the poor, which the Hon^{bs} Continental Congress have also taken to recommend to all the other United States; and also to exert themselves to have their quotas of the continental army immediately compleated.

Since the personal security, liberty and happiness of every individual is deeply concerned, and freedom or bondage to be secured and entailed to all posterity by the issue of the present struggle, and every one in their several capacities are called to a vigorous exertion for the defence and security of their country, it is earnestly recommended to her virtuous sons voluntarily and without delay to offer themselves for the service of God and their country in this righteous cause, thereby also to prevent the disagreeable necessity of the frequent rotation of the men from the militia, whereby the husbandry and manufactures are so much injured.

And his Honor the Governor is advised and desired to issue this order.

N. B. Printed and dispersed to all the towns.

Voted, That a letter be written to Capt. Wm. Coit to come directly to Lebanon and bring in his accounts for settlement.

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Resolved and ordered, That the committee of prisoners at Windham collect and send in such safe way as they shall find prudent all prisoners now at Windham taken by Commodore Hopkins and who are desirous to be exchanged, and deliver them to the care of Mr. Nath^ll Shaw jun^r in New London in order to be exchanged; first taking care that any officers among them pay or draw their bills for their expences and charge of support; and take and keep a just account of the expence of the whole.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, WEDNESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Elip^t Dyer, Titus Hosmer, Wm. Williams, Nath^ll Wales, Jz. Huntington, } Esq^rs.
P. M.

Many persons applying for many things.

Letters from Gen. Silliman &c. respecting the alarming situation of their affairs by attacks &c. And answers prepared &c.

Richard Law, Esqr, (present about business,) laid in an account for his journey to N. York last summer by order of this Board &c. 13 days at 18*s*. for self, horse and expences, and the same is allowed and order drawn £11 14 0.

Considered and pass'd the following Resolve, *viz:*

Whereas a number of blankets were collected by virtue of an order and resolve of the General Assembly of this Colony in June last, for the use of the public, and the same are now wanted for the continental soldiers,

It is therefore resolved and ordered, That the selectmen of the several towns who collected and had the care of such blankets be and they are hereby directed to deliver for the use of the continental soldiers of their respective towns all such blankets to the commanding officer of the troops in this State or colonels of the battalions to which such soldiers respectively belong, or to their order, taking receipts therefor.

And the selectmen of the several towns are also ordered and directed to enquire dilligently after and immediately collect all fire-arms, accoutrements and blankets belonging to their towns or the public within such towns, which have been delivered to soldiers on short marches and tours of duty or otherwise disposed of, and cause the same to be duly apprized, where the prizes are not already duly ascertained, and have the same repaired if necessary, and the same deliver for the use aforesaid to such commanding officer or colonel, or their order, taking proper receipts expressing the use for which they are received, and make return of their doings to the next General Assembly or to this Board. And the said colonels &c. are to take care in the distribution of said arms and blankets, to see that those who shall be first ready to march be first supplied. *This printed and dispersed.*

Voted, That B. Gen. Silliman be desired to purchase for the use of the Colony, as shall be ordered, *viz:* thirty tons of flax: he having sent that he can procure it &c. *Sent by Mr. Betts.*

Much consideration about various applications, and letter impowering and directing about defending those sea coasts &c. &c., till 9 o'clock.

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AT A MEETING &c. THURSDAY, 20 MARCH.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip[t] Dyer, Wm. Williams, Jz. Huntington, Titus Hosmer, Nath[l] Wales, } Esq[rs].

Prepared and ascertained the quotas of each town of the continental army and added them to the proclamation sending out.

Prepared letters of instruction to the field officers of 10 regiments for the draughting 2000 men to march to Peekskill, agreeable to the earnest request of Gen. Washington. And appointed the field officers to command them. Determined the quotas from each of the 10 regiments &c. Appointed Brig. Gen[l] Wadsworth to command them as brigadier.

The 10 regiments agreed upon and the numbers from each is as follows, *viz:*

			Companies.		Non-com. officers and privates.
1	Regiment,	Wyllys,	2	96 each,	192
6	do.	Belden's,	1½	do.	144
10	do.	Th. Cook,	3	do.	288
13	do.	Moseley,	2½	do.	240
14	do.	Burrel,	1½	do.	144
15	do.	Hooker,	2	do.	192
16	do.	P. Cook,	2	do.	192
17	do.	O. Wolcott,	2	do.	192
18	do.	Humphry,	2	do.	192
23	do.	Sage,	1½	do.	144
10 regiments.					1920
			4 commision officers to each company,		80
					2000

The said detachments are regimented as follows, *viz:*

1	Reg.	2	companies	
6	"	1½	do.	Thos. Belden, Esq, Colonel.
18	"	2	do.	Seth Smith, Esq, Lieutenant Colonel.
23	"	1½	do.	Nath. Brown, Esq, Major.
		7		
10	Reg.	3	companies,	Noadiah Hooker, Esq. Colonel.
15	do.	2	do.	Epa. Sheldon, Lieutenant Colonel.
17	do.	2	do.	Gad Stanly, Major.
		7		
13	Reg.	2½	companies,	Increase Moseley, Colonel.
14	do.	1½	do.	Josh[a] Porter, Lieutenant Colonel.
17	do.	2	do.	Jethro Hatch, Major.
		6		

The foregoing things are grounded on the orders contained and expressed in the printed copy annexed, which has been in deliberation and consideration 2 or three days.

[The printed copy annexed is as follows.]

By the Honourable JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Esquire, Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the State of *Connecticut*, by and with the advice of the Council of Safety.

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To Esq; Colonel, or to the commanding officer of the Regiment of Militia in said State, Greeting:

Whereas I have received a requisition from his Excellency General Washington, dated the 6th of March instant, pressing and earnestly calling for one more exertion of the public spirit of this State, by another supply of *two thousand* militia to be immediately sent to Peck's-Kill, there to wait further orders, and to continue in service six weeks after their arrival there: And said requisition being grounded on reasons of very great, interesting, and irresistable weight and importance, and such as will justify itself to every friend of his country, of every rank and order, though the particular reasons and design cannot with propriety be at present communicated.

And having taken said requisition into serious consideration, and by and with the advice of my Council of Safety, judge the same to be of too great and interesting a nature to be neglected or delayed — the strange and unhappy delay of filling up our quota of the Continental army, and expiration of the term of our four battalions, rendering the measure indispensibly necessary.

And although this Board are by no means unmindful of the difficulties which may be occasioned by calling off so many men at this season; yet considering the unspeakable importance of the cause; that the burden lies equally on all our sister States; that the contest in all probability must be short, if we are not wanting to ourselves, and might have been finished before this time, if our exertions had been equal to the strength which God has given us for defence; that the blessings we contend for, are what the great God had bestowed upon us, and which we have reason to think he will continue to our faithful endeavours; that the present and future generations will be fixed in the best and highest civil or religious liberty, or bound by the most galling yoke of wretched slavery and misery, according to our conduct and exertions for a very short time; and that in the highest probability, were the Continental army once filled, we should have no further occasion to call for the militia, but by the blessing of God Almighty should with them be able to make an effectual stand against all the efforts of our unnatural enemies, and have the fairest prospect of a speedy and happy termination of the present dispute. In these circumstances, it is most natural and reasonable to expect that no friend to his country, will grudge or think much of such and so short an exertion as is now required.

Therefore, you are commanded on sight hereof, forthwith to cause to be drawn and detached out of the regiment under your command, in proportion from the several companies and rolls, to the number of in the whole, unless the said number of men or part thereof shall immediately, on being collected according to orders by you to be given, turn out and voluntarily offer themselves for this necessary service, which they are earnestly called upon and invited to do; in which case you are not to detach, or only such number as shall be wanting of volunteers: And such men are to supply themselves, as far as possible, with arms, accoutrements, and blankets, and if any should be necessarily deficient, the Authority, or Select-men, or both, in the said towns, are called upon and required to exert their utmost efforts, by impresses or otherwise, to supply such deficiency; and all persons holding or possessing any arms, or other necessaries, which they have not an almost certain prospect of wanting for immediate defence, before they can be returned, are called upon to turn them out freely and

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without hesitation, for this sudden, important service; and justice will be done them in this and every respect: The said men are to be formed into companies, by the field officers of the regiments to which they belong, in the most convenient manner, to consist of each as near as may be, exclusive of commission-officers, and to march to said Peck's Kill without delay, and under the command of such present militia commission-officers as shall be selected by said field-officers, *viz.* one Captain, two Lieutenants, and one Ensign, for each company, and the usual number of non-commission officers, and to be in three regiments, to be formed of equal numbers of the most convenient companies, as near as may be, and under such field-officers as shall be selected and appointed by this Board: And all to have the pay, wages, and billetting allowance as the Continental army — and any of them have free liberty to inlist into said army. And least any should apprehend danger of taking the small-pox, they are hereby informed, that I have the strongest assurance from his Excellency General Washington, that should there be the least danger of their taking it, *none* who have not had it shall march further than Peck's Kill, where there is no danger of it.

And if any desire to have some pay advanced before they march, the several Captains may receive of the Treasury at the rate of *twenty shillings* for each man, for that purpose. But for expedition sake the Captains and officers or others, are desired to advance the same, and on proper evidence the same shall be repaid.

[Given under my Hand at Lebanon, in said State, the 17th Day of March, A.D. 1777

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.]*

In this place the stating of the number or quota for each town is made, and inserted on each proclamation the number for each town, and sent out.

Letter from a large number in Farmington *de* their tories &c. A long answer prepared.

Order, on consideration given, delivered N. Minor Esq., to purchase or to seize 10,000 *lb.* cheese in Stonington, for the use of the State &c, as follows, *viz:*

Voted, That Capt. Nathan Palmer of Stonington be and he is directed to purchase and procure twenty thousand pounds weight of cheese for the use of this State for the supply of our troops according to the engagement of the General Assembly, and at the price not exceeding the sum set and limited by law. And in case he cannot purchase the above quantity of cheese as aforesaid, in that case if he can find any quantity of cheese in the possession of any person or persons not designed and necessary for his or their own family use he is hereby ordered and authorized to seize and take the same for the purpose aforesaid and make duplicate invoices thereof with the weight of the same and deliver one to the owner or possessor of said cheese and pay the owner thereof for the same at the price by law fixed for the same, and make report of his doings in the premises as soon as may be.

* The words within brackets are cancelled on the printed paper by having a pen drawn through them.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, FRYDAY, 21 MARCH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Mr. Wales went home p. m. to superior court.

Elip[t] Dyer, Titus Hosmer, Jabez Huntington, Nath[l] Wales jun[r]., Wm. Williams, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esquires.

Established officers of the alarm list.

Fill'd up a large number of commissions for alarm list officers, for Col. Danielson, Chapman, and Latimer's regiments, and dispatched orders for the selectmen of all the towns concerning encouraging raising the army &c. &c. And the orders to the colonels of 10 regiments for raising and sending of 2,000 militia to Peckskill &c.

Letter to Norwalk committee in answer to theirs about their situation and danger &c.

Mr Erkelens came, had been sent for, and consulted with him about addressing Mr. de Capelle &c. &c.

Adjourned about 9 o'clock.

AT A MEETING &C. SATURDAY, 22D MARCH, 77.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip[t] Dyer, Wm. Williams, Jz. Huntington, Titus Hosmer, Wm. Hilhouse, } Esq[rs].

6 regiments alarm officers had their commissions filled up and given out. Delivered Col. Belden's son p. m.

Dispatched a letter to Gen[l] Washington, by Bennet, informing him of orders being given for 2000 militia according to his request, and that they are assured according [to] his directions, that they shall not be sent into Jersey if danger of small pox &c. &c.

On petition &c. released Phin[s] Cary, Solo. Lord, Eleaz[r] Welch, Ely Spafford, Sam[l] Stoddard, Hez. Abbe, Arad Simons, of Wind., and Thos. Holbrook of Lebanon, from the *Oliver Cromwell:* their wages to cease from the time of their last leaving the ship by furlough.

De Mr. Jno. Winthrop's Tenants.

Upon the memorial of Jn[o] Winthrop, Esq[r], of N. London, praying that his tenants and workmen on Fishers Island may be suffered to pass and repass to and from the neighboring towns on the main to procure necessaries &c., as per memorial on file,

Voted and resolved, That the selectmen of N. London from [time] to time as occasion may require shall have power, and power is hereby given to them, to suffer and permit the said tenants and workmen to pass and repass to and from said island to the neighbouring towns on the main, to procure necessaries, visit their families, or on other necessary business, at such times and for such reasons as they may think proper, under such cautions, limitations and instructions, to prevent their communicating intelligence to the enemy or otherwise prejudicing the interest of this or the rest of the United States as they shall prescribe, and that they, the tenants and workmen aforesaid, be not suffered to pass and repass without the permit of the selectmen aforesaid.

Many matters considered,

Adjourned till Tuesday next, the 25th.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &c. TUESDAY, 25 MARCH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

N.—Mr. Hosmer stayed in town, was employ'd all Monday writing letters, &c. Wm. Hilhouse attended on Monday, filled up commissions for Col. Hooker's 16 reg. alarm officers.

p.m. Elip[t] Dyer, Jz. Huntington, Wm. Williams, Titus Hosmer, Nath. Wales, W. Hilhouse, } Esq[rs].

Prepared and sent letters, to Col. Davenport, in answer to him *de* torys. and troops for their defence, referr'd to Gen. Silliman &c.

To Cap. Isaac Miles, *de* 2 arm'd vessells, to cruize in the Sound.

To Cap. Squier, to supply said arm'd vessells with provisions &c.

To Gen. Silliman, *de* fixing said arm'd vessels, taking care of supplying troops for Stanford.

To Mr. Gray, ordering him to deliver cloathing to Col. C. Webb, and to make an inventory of all he has on hand.

Sent an order to Doolittle & Co. to deliver the selectmen of Stanford 600 weight of powder.

To overseers of the furnace to deliver said selectmen of Stanford 30 6 *lb.*, 30 3 *lb.*, and 30 2 *lb.* round cannon shot.

To do., to deliver selectmen of Fairfield 1 6-pound and 1 3-pound cannon.

To do., to deliver Lt. Aaron Hawley of Stratfield one six-pound and one 3-pound cannon for defence of Stratfield Harbour, with an assortment of round shot for each.

Brig. Wadsworth declines going with the 2000 men order'd to Peekskill, being unwell &c., and orders sent Gen[l] E. Wolcot to go in his stead.

Mr. David Webb of Stamford, a commissary, is here, moves for instructions what he shall purchase &c. And he is directed to purchase what shoes, stockings, felt hats, and home made cloth, linen and woolen, rum, cheese and spirits, he can in the county of Fairfield, and send an account from time to time to the Governor &c. And an order or writing to the Pay-Table, to supply him with two or three hundred pounds at present, and from time to time what shall be necessary, taking proper security.

Voted, That Jos. Hoit jun[r] and Benj. Hoit, now confined in Fairfield goal as torys, be released, paying costs. And the order written in a letter to Sheriff Burr.

Voted and resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to examine and adjust the accounts of bounty, wages, billeting, mileage and rations, of Colo. Ely's battalion and Capt. Sanford Kingsbury's company of Colo. Enos battalion lately in service at Providence, the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and draw on the Treasurer for the ballances they shall find respectively due to the companies on the same.

Cap. Coit came in, and much said &c. about the ship *Cromwell*, her state &c., and his accounts &c. &c. And adjourned.

AT A MEETING &C. WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH, 77.

Present: His Honor the Goveror.

Col. Dyer gone to Norwich superior court.

Cloathing: a N° of teams arrived here last evening.

Jz. Huntington, Wm. Williams, Titus Hosmer, Jed. Elderkin, Wm. Hilhouse, Nath[l] Wales, } Esq[rs].

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Roger Fanning, who had the care of the row-galley *Shark* in the North River from 29 Octo. 1776 to 18 Dec. as master &c., and as keeper from 18th Dec. to 15 Feb'y, 77, laid in his account for said services and for rations, allowance, mileage &c., to amount of £22 11 1 in whole, and is allowed, and order on Pay-Table for the same, and order enter'd on the account and delivered said Fanning.

Many persons in, on various applications &c.

Voted, That Jona. Fitch, Esqr, one of the commissaries appointed to purchase necessaries for the supply of the troops in the continental service, be and he is directed to purchase what shoes, stockings, felt hats, home made cloth linen and woolen, rum, cheese and spirits, he can in the county of New Haven, and to send an account of what he shall so purchase from time to time to his Honor the Governor.

Gave Jno Tilton of Vineyard a permit to carry out 1000 *lb.* flax, and 200 *lb.* flour, he having brought in about 300 pair stockings to be delivered Col. Jona Fitch &c.

Examined, adjusted an account of Nathl Wales, Esq, for hiring, paying &c. teams from Windham for transporting of cannon, on account of Col. Stewart, to Canaan on their way to Albany, being on continental account, £118 0 0, allowing him 33*s.* 10 commission being included.

Order given on the account to the Pay-Table.

Cap. Na. Palmer laid in an account and invoice of cheese by him seized by order of this Board, lately, being *lb.* 11618 @ 6*d.* (belonging to Church & Hakes) to amount of £294 16 6, including £4 7 6 commission @ 12 *per cent.*, and drew an order for it on Pay-Table, delivered said Palmer. And directed said Palmer to send the cheese to Andrew Huntington at Norwich.

Said Cap. Palmer also laid in account for sundry expences about the fort at Stonington: the same examin'd, and allowed, being £15 7 6, and order drawn, delivered said Palmer on the back of the account.

Many persons on various matters &c. And adjourned till called again.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, WEDNESDAY, 2D OF APRIL, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Mr. Wa. went home at noon.

Elipt Dyer, Jedh Elderkin, Jabez Huntington, Nathll Wales, Wm. Williams, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esqrs.

Many persons, officers &c. and expresses, are in about various things.

On application, granted an order on Elderkin and Wales for *lb.* 400 powder, to selectmen of Saybrook, deliver'd the order Cha. Pumroy, about one third cannon-powder and the rest musket.

Letters from Mr. Hosmer and Col. Sage enquiring whether the miners and Long Island refugees may be drafted in the present order for militia &c., and answered that they ought not &c. &c.

Col. Moseley moves to be excused from going in the present militia to Peekskill &c., and on consideration cannot excuse him.

Lt. Col. Sherman present about the arrangement of Col. C. Webb's regiment to which he belongs. Much to be said and done about it.

Appointed Absolom Russell Surgeon of said regiment.

Peter Robertson appointed Second Lieutenant in Cap. Hinkley's company in Col. Webb's regiment.

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Col. Waters, engineer at N. London, present, gives a large representation of the state of affairs there &c. &c.

And at 9 o'clock adjourned till tomorrow morning.

AT A MEETING &C. THURSDAY, 3 APRIL, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip^{t} Dyer,	Jed^{h} Elderkin,	Esq^{rs}.
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

On motion appointed Maj. Jno Ripley, commanding the Con. troops or militia late at Providence, to take the command of the 5 companys lately sent there, as their Major Commandant.

On petition of Thos. Allen, confined at Windham, praying to have liberty to return to N. London on parole &c. and certificate from the authority &c. of N. London requesting it &c., liberty is granted him accordingly.

Hez. Tracy jun^{r} is appointed Second Lieutenant in Col. Huntington's regiment in the room of his brother Josh^{a} Tracy deceased of the small pox.

Albigence Waldo is appointed Surgeon of Col. Jed. Huntington's regiment.

Thos. Gray is appointed Surgeon's Mate to Dr. Lee, in Col. Jno Durkee's regiment.

Voted and allowed Col. Jed. Huntington 36*s.* for a curious gun-lock he bought by order and which was by the Governor given to Indian warriors lately here with Mr. Kirtland.

Voted and allowed Col. Jed. Elderkin 23 dollars for a fire-arm compleat, which was presented by the Governor to said warrior Indians, Saturday 15 inst.

On a representation by Jno Shipman, Esqr, of the conduct of ——— Haydon and his examination before authority, by which he appears at least a very suspicious person: Therefore

On motion &c. appointed Capts. Jona. Huntington, Nathl Backus and Jabez Perkins of Norwich, or any two of them, to liquidate, adjust and settle the accounts of Messrs. Haydon and Williams for their labour and service in building and about the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, and make return of the state and settlement thereof as the same may be made and allowed by them, to his Honor the Governor.

Voted, That John Shipman, Esqr, be and he is hereby appointed Lieutenant and Commandant of the fort at Say-Brook, in the room of Lt. Lee Lay resigned.

Voted, That this Council do approve of his Honor the Governor's sending one thousand pounds of the continental dollars to Genl Spencer.

Voted, To desire his Honor the Governor to give order for £800 0 0, in favour of Mr. Andrew Huntington, to be in advance out of the continental money in the hands of Mr. David Trumbull, and to be laid out by said Huntington in cloathing for the army.

Voted, To refer the account of Capt. Richard Deshon, for making sails &c. for the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, to Nathl Shaw jun. to adjust and allow and pay what is just and reasonable thereon and charge the Colony for the same. *Order d^{d} to Capt. Deshon April 3^{d}*, 1777.

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Voted, To permit John Murray jun^{r} to purchase a horse and sugar in this State to amount of £200 0 0, and transport the same to Long Island, he having a quantity of linen and checks and flax, brought from Long Island to the value of said sum and disposed of the same here.

Josiah Waters, jun^{r}, Esq$^{r's}$, account for service as engineer at N. London was by him exhibited and examined, and £180 13 2 allowed, and voted to draw on the Treasurer for the same. *Order given by the Governor, dated 2nd April*, 1777.

James Whelpley is appointed Quarter Master of Col. Bradley's regiment.

Voted, To draw on Dr. Joshua Elderkin for one hundred pair shoes and one hundred pair stockings, in favour of Col. Durkee for the use of his regiment. *Order d^{d} to Col. Durkey April 3^{d}*, 1777.

[*Henry*] Ten Eyck is appointed Adjutant to Col. Charles Webb's regiment.

Voted, To give an order on Saml Gray, Esqr, to deliver to Col. John Durkee one dozen of white shirts for the use of the officers of his regiment and take receipt. *Order d^{d} to Col. Durkee April 3^{d}*, 1777.

AT A MEETING &C. FRYDAY, 4 APRIL, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Col. Dyer not present. Jabez Huntington, Benja. Huntington, Wm. Williams, Nathl Wales, Jed. Elderkin, Wm. Hilhouse, } Esq^{rs}.

Nath. Chipman is appointed Second Lieutenant in Capt. David Parsons' company in Col. Charles Webb's regiment, in the room of Timothy White.

Charles Stewart is appointed Ensign in Capt. Mills's company in Col. C. Webb's regiment.

David Barber is appointed Ensign in Capt. Manning's company instead of Brownson in Col. C. Webb's regiment.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be and he is hereby appointed to receive three hundred bushells of salt belonging to this State now in the care of Mr Andrew Huntington at Norwich Landing, who is directed to deliver the same; which salt said Perkins is directed to sell to the inhabitants of this State in small quantities, not exceeding half a bushell to a family or in such less proportion as he shall judge reasonable, and at the lawful price; and when the same is accomplished to make report to the Governor thereof. And upon the arrival of any further quantity of salt at Norwich, belonging to this State, he is directed to receive such salt into his store to be disposed of as he shall from time to time receive orders from this Board, and to render his account accordingly.

Voted, That Dr. Joshua Elderkin be and he is hereby ordered to deliver unto Nathl Durkee jun^{r}, quarter-master of Col. Swift's battalion, two hundred and twenty-three pair of men's shoes, the same number of pairs of men's stockings, the same number of felt hats, and as many pair of breeches if you have them, if not, what you have, for the use of said battalion, and take his receipt. *Copy given.*

Voted, That Col. Jonth Fitch be and he is hereby directed to deliver unto James Whelpley, quarter-master to Col. Bradley's regiment, one hundred and seventy-one felt hats, the same number of pairs of men's shoes, and the same number of pairs of men's stockings, for the use of said regiment, and take his receipt. *Copy given.*

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Voted, That Sam[l] Gray, Esq[r], be and he is hereby directed to deliver unto James Whelpley, quarter-master to Col. Bradley's battalion, one hundred and twenty-four pairs of men's breeches, for the use of said battalion, and take his receipt; also deliver twelve men's shirts for the use of the officers in said battalion, and to be by them accounted for. *Copy given.*

Voted, That Sam[l] Gray, Esq[r], be and he is hereby directed to deliver unto Nath[l] Durkee jun[r], quarter-master to Col. Swift's regiment, twelve men's shirts, for the use of the officers in said regiment and to be by them accounted for, and take his, said Durkee's, receipt therefor. *Copy given.*

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table of this State, in favour of Dr. Joseph Perkins, for the sum of five pounds for a set of amputating instruments, delivered on board the brig *Defence*. *Order drawn April 4th*, 1777.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table of this State for the sum of £1 3 8, in favour of Major Elijah Hyde and Mr. Enoch White, administrators on the estate of Mr. Simeon Gray deceas'd, it being for the support of Mr. Sam[l] Kirtland and six Indians of the Six Nations and their waiter whilst at Gray's tavern in Lebanon March 15, 1777. *Order drawn April 4th*, 1777.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table of this State for the sum of £1 4 9, in favour of Thomas Coit of Norwich, for sundry medicines supplied Capt. Lyon's company whilst sick at Norwich. *Order drawn April 4th*, 1777.

Voted, To direct Col. Elderkin and Mr. Wales to apply to the Hon[l] James Bowdoin and Council of the Massachusets Bay, to borrow one ton of sulphur for the use of the powder mills in this State, to be replaced as soon as may be; and said Elderkin and Wales to receive the same if obtained.

Voted, That ten sets of the horse harnesses compleat at New Haven be brought to New London and there delivered to Mr. Nath. Shaw jr, and that orders be given on Col. Jon[th] Fitch for the same accordingly.

Order d[d] to Maj. Hillhouse, April 4th, 1777.

Voted, That orders be given to Capt. Elijah Backus to make another cannon like that he has made for the publick.

Whereas the Hon[ble] Congress have ordered three battalions of artillerymen to be raised in the United States for the continental service, to consist of twenty-two hundred men in the whole nearly, the proportion whereof is one hundred and seventy men for this State nearly, over and above the battalions of musquetry, and a proportion of officers are appointed in said State for said service and to inlist our quota thereof, and application is made to this Board by Lt. Col. Oswald, the chief officer in this State for that department, praying for the same additional premium of £10 0 0 for each noncommission officer and private who shall inlist into said artillery service as has been granted by the General Assembly and by this Board to the other regiments: This Board, considering it to be necessary that the artillery-men should be furnished as well as the other parts of the army, and that the encouragement ought to be the same, do vote and resolve, that the same premium of ten pounds be granted as aforesaid to our quota of said artillerymen, not exceeding one hundred and seventy; and the Committee of Pay-Table of this State are hereby ordered to pay and deliver to said Lt. Col. Eleazer Oswald the sum aforesaid for the use aforesaid, taking of him sufficient securities that the same shall be duly applied and accounted for.

Resolved, That Col. Jed[h] Elderkin of this State be requested to make all due enquiry at Boston and elsewhere concerning the newest and best model of cannon of eighteen-pounders and under, and of any other dimentions, and

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also of the newest and best method of boring them, and in general of every thing relating thereto which may be useful to be known and for the best good of the American cause; and all gentlemen concerned and acquainted are requested to communicate to said Col. Elderkin any knowledge they may have, and to assist him in gaining any intelligence and skill in the premises.

Adjourned till Wednesday next.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 9TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	Esq^{rs}.
Jz. Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,	
Wm. Williams,	Wm. Hillhouse,	

Roger Alden is appointed Adjutant to Col. Bradley's battalion in continental service.

Great part of the day taken up in considering how in what manner to compleat immediately the army &c.

Gave an order on Isaac Doolittle & Co. for 400 *lb.* of powder to be delivered to Brig^{r}. Genl Silliman or order, for the use of the armed vessells fitting out by him for the defence of this State.

Gave an order on Dr. Saml Gray for three dozen officers shirts to be delivered to John Elderkin, quarter-master of Col. Charles Webb's battalion, for the use of the officers of that battalion.

Gave an order on Mr. Andrew Huntington to deliver to Qr. M. Andrew Wheatley of Col. Durkee's regiment as many hats and knapsacks [as] are at present wanted for that battalion.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 10TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

This Board referred the account of Elihu Crane to the Pay-Table to allow and draw on the Treasurer for payment, being £15 7 6, for carrying a load of flints left at Durham last winter by a team going with them to Peekskill, and tired in the deep snow &c.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of four thousand pounds, in favour of Capt. John Deshon, for the purpose of importing salt and necessary stores for this State &c., and to be in account.

Voted, To give an order on Capt. Jabez Perkins to deliver one bbl. of molasses to the civil authority and selectmen of Groton, for the use of the continental soldiers under inoculation in Groton, and to render their account.

Order d^{d} to Mr. Thom. Chester, April 10th, 1777.

Major Nathan Gallup is appointed instead of Luke Perkins, Esqr, deceased, to assist in apprizing damages done to Mr. Jonth Chester of Groton by building the forts at Groton, by building said forts on his land; and if any objection arises against Maj. Gallup, then the committee to agree with Capt. Chester on one in his room.

Voted, To draw an order on the Pay-Table in favour of Capt. Jonth Chester for £5 0 0, in part for his land taken for the forts at Groton.

Order d^{d} to Mr. Thos. Chester, inclosed in a letter.

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Jacob Fox is appointed Second Lieutenant in Capt. John Shumway's company, in the room of Joel Gillet resigned.

Voted, That Sam[l] Gray, Esq[r], be and he is hereby directed to deliver unto Elias Mather, quarter-master to Col. Wm. Douglass's regiment, one hundred and thirty jackets, 124 pair of breeches, three dozen of officers shirts, for the use of said regiment: said officers who receive said shirts to account for the same; and take said Mather's receipt.

Voted, To give order to Dr. Sam[l] Gray, Esq[r], to deliver Maj. E. Gray and Capt. Nath[ll] Webb four shirts each, and to be accountable.

An order d[d] to Gen. Dyer April 10th, 1777.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, April 11th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq[rs].
Jabez Huntington,	Nath[l] Wales jun[r],	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Capt. Abner Bacon is appointed Captain in Col. Durkee's battalion, in the room of Capt. Nathan Peters resigned.

Great part of this day was spent in deliberating on the best measures for filling up the continental army.

Voted, That Seth Harding, Esq[r], be and he is hereby appointed Captain and Commander of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* during the pleasure of the General Assembly or this Board.

Voted, That Timothy Parker be and he is hereby appointed First Lieutenant of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* during pleasure.

Voted, That John Chapman be and he is hereby appointed Second Lieutenant of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* during pleasure.

Voted, That John Smith of East Hartford be and he is hereby apppointed Third Lieutenant of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* during pleasure.

Voted, That Capt. Eliphalet Roberts be and he is hereby appointed Captain of Marines on board the ship *Oliver Cromwell* during pleasure.

Voted, John Prentice 2[d] be and he is hereby appointed First Lieutenant of Marines on board the ship *Oliver Cromwell* during pleasure.

Voted, That Bela Elderkin be and he is hereby appointed Second Lieutenant of Marines on board the *Oliver Cromwell* during pleasure.

Voted, That Capt. Josiah Burnam be and he is hereby appointed Master of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* during pleasure.

Capt. Wm. Coit is discharged from the ship *Oliver Cromwell* on the 14th of April instant.

Inlisting orders went out to Capt. Harding for inlisting men for a new crew for the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, to serve untill the 14th of October next unless sooner discharged.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, April 12th, 1777, Saturday.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq[rs].
Jabez Huntington,	Nath Wales jun[r],	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

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This day was chiefly spent in consulting on the best measures for filling up the continental army.

Silas Boldget is appointed First Lieutenant in Capt. Walbridge's company in Col. Charles Webb's battalion, instead of John Waterbury 4th, who is removed into Capt. Hoit's company in Col. Bradley's battalion.

A letter was sent to Brig. Genl Silliman containing orders to keep the utmost vigilance over the enemy supposed to be collecting in N. York in order to make a push up the North River to destroy our magazines at Danbury and other places in those parts, and to raise his brigade for defence if he judges it needful, and to give the earliest intelligence to the Governor and Council of every alarming appearance of danger in his department.

A permit was given to Capt. Isaac Hilliyard to carry 3800 pounds of flax out of this State into the Massachusets Bay, for the inhabitants there, with orders that said permit to be indorsed to prevent fraud.

Voted and resolved, That Col. Latimer, or the commanding officer of the 3d regiment, do immediately draft and call forth two hundred men of his regiment to take post at New London for the same service and defence assigned to the military companys now there and whose time is nearly expired, and to serve for a term not exceeding one month, and under such commission officers of his regiment as he, said commanding officer, shall assign, and himself to take the chief command of them during the term aforesaid. *Order d Maj. Hilhouse to carry.*

And on much consideration &c. the following draft for a resolve and proclamation for the purpose of hastening and promoting the raising the continental army, being prepared, is revised, considered &c. and pass'd, *viz.*:

A Resolve and Proclamation.

Whereas notwithstanding the encouragement given by the Honourable Continental Congress, and by the General Assembly of this State, and the generous exertions of the towns and of individuals in said State, in consequence of the ACTS and DOINGS of said Assembly and this Board, to raise and furnish our QUOTA of the Continental army: For the great and unspeakably important purposes of defending all our *property, our lives, and all the privileges*, which render life desirable, and secure any of its blessings to POSTERITY.

The said quota or proportion of said army is not yet compleated in this State, and the time swiftly approaches and is almost arrived, when without more vigorous and successful efforts ALL IS LOST; there is therefore no more time to spare; while the great laws of reason, virtue and selfpreservation, call aloud for universal attention to this great object, of far greater importance than any other temporal concern. It is therefore *once more*, most pressingly and earnestly recommended to all whom it may concern to use every influence and exertion, immediately to fill up the quota of the respective towns, and forthwith to engage in this so greatly important and necessary service, which cannot be longer neglected, without the most imminent hazard of ruin and destruction to this State and Continent, and unless the said army be immediately filled, constant rotations of the Militia and Husband men must be called off, which would afford the dismal, certain prospect of being devoured by FAMINE. It is then in every view the duty and interest of all, to exert themselves to promote and encourage this great and good work, and of a sufficient number of able and effective men forthwith to un-

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dertake for defence of their country, and on the reasonable and generous rewards and encouragements offered them. And they have great reason to rely upon the protection and blessing of God Almighty, and to put their trust in him for success in this our righteous cause, though for our manifold sins He is pleased to suffer us to labour under so many delays and difficulties. But the voice and tokens of his providence now seem clearly to point out that longer delay would be fatal and destructive to ourselves and all succeeding generations: And as some are absolutely necessary at home for many great purposes, as well as to afford necessaries for the subsistance of those abroad; it is high time and highly necessary that each should take their several stations, and that every exertion to which God has enabled us, should be made, as we would do our duty to Him and save ourselves and country, and avoid the keenest remorse and anguish for having neglected any means in our power to preserve and transmit to our children, the most precious privileges that ever any people were blessed with.

Therefore as a most reasonable, just and necessary measure, in the present situation of our public affairs, it is resolved, recommended and ordered, by this Board, that the commission officers of every company in each town, and field officers residing therein, do immediately, and within one day after receiving this order, or as soon as possible, meet together, and find how many are wanting and deficient in each town of their quota of said army, according to the stating thereof lately made and sent out, and thereupon the commission and field officers within such towns shall immediately divide and class all the men of each company, within the same, into as many equal numbers or classes as there are deficiencies in such towns; in which classing, such officers shall include all persons formed, or to be formed by law, into Alarm companies; and use their best discretion; and such classes shall be entered and enrolled; and all such companies shall be convened by order of the chief officer thereof, and be by said officers &c. called upon, and earnestly invited, freely to inlist into said army; and be also notified of such division and classing, and each of such divisions called upon to turn out, furnish or inlist one able man into some company of our eight battalions. And in case any such division or class shall, by the space of three days, fail or neglect to inlist, or procure one such man to be inlisted as aforesaid; and to give notice thereof to the Captain, or chief officer of the company to which he did belong, it shall be the duty of every such Captain, or chief officer of such company, with the advice of his Subalterns; and he is hereby required, without further order, to draft and detach one suitable and able man from each of said divisions, who shall be joined to the nearest and most convenient company in any of said eight battalions where he may be needed, and equipped and furnished in the same manner as the inlisted soldiers — and march with them for the same services; and to be held therein until the first day of *January* next, unless sooner discharged — to which discharge he or they shall be entitled by lot, as fast as his or their place can be supplied by voluntary inlistments into the Continental army from the town to which he or they belong, or upon his or their procuring another fit person to take his or their place; and all such detached persons shall have the same wages and rations as the Continental soldiers; and the detaching officer shall give immediate notice of the name of the person so detached, to the Captain of the next Continental company, which may not have its compliment of men, or his next officer to be come at; who will be

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authorized to take such detached person or persons into said company; and every such detached person who shall go into the service, and continue for the term aforesaid, shall be allowed at the end thereof a bounty of THREE POUNDS, and so in proportion for any shorter term, provided he shall voluntarily engage in said service (before marching) until the said first day of *January* next; and all such persons shall return the arms, blankets and accoutrements, which may be supplied them, at the end of the service, unless lost without the default of the bearer. And if any persons so detached shall neglect or refuse to march in, and perform said service, they shall be liable to the penalty in manner as provided by a law of this State, passed in December last, and thereupon will not be liable to be taken into such company as aforesaid; and such penalty shall be applied to procure a fit person to inlist into the Continental army, or to take the place of such person so declining and incurring said penalty according to the provision of said law. And all such officers are to make return of their doings, by virtue of this Resolve, to the General Assembly, or in their recess to his Honour the Governor and Council of Safety.

[GIVEN *under my Hand, by and with the Advice and Resolve of said* COUNCIL *of* SAFETY *this 12th day of April, A. D.* 1777.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.]*

And adjourned to Monday morning next.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MONDAY THE 14TH OF APRIL, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hilhouse, } Esq^rs.
Wm. Williams, Nath. Wales, }

Many things consulted and considered.

The foregoing order, about filling up the army &c., bro't in, were corrected with the pen, folded, directed and dispatched to the officers throughout the Colony, by various persons. A work of considerable time and trouble.

There not being a quorum, no material votes were pass'd. Many persons in on various applications, their matters considered &c.

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* The words within brackets are cancelled on the printed broadside inserted in the book. Three days later this explanatory proclamation was issued, which is printed from a handbill in the editor's possession:

State of Connecticut.

By the GOVERNOR.

WHEREAS a doubt has arisen, whether those persons who may be detached, agreeable to the resolve and proclamation issued by the Governor and Council of Safety, on the 12th instant, to fill up the eight battalions raising in this State; may after such detachment inlist into the one and an half battalions raising in this State in addition to said eight.

Resolved, That said proclamation did not design, neither doth it intend, to prevent any person detached as aforesaid, from inlisting into any of said nine and an half battalions, as they shall chuse, and they have liberty to do the same; non-commissioned officers are included in the number mentioned in the quota of each town; the commission officers are not.

Given under my hand at Lebanon *the* 15th *day of April*, 1777.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

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AT A MEETING &C. APRIL 15TH, 1777. TUESDAY.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer, Wm. Williams, Jabez Huntington, Nathl Wales jun^r, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for three hundred pounds, in favour of Capt. Nathl Saltonstall, to be in advance for his company, he giving bond for the faithful use of the monies he shall so draw according to law. *Order d^d to. Lt. Dee, April 15th*, 1777.

Voted, To give order to the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury, that after supplying what cannon and shot are ordered to the northward they send the remainder, as well those belonging to Messrs. Porter and Norton as those belonging to the State, to Hartford, New Haven and Fairfield, in such proportion as his Honor the Governor shall direct, and that they send all the pig iron to Hartford.

Allowed an account of Jos. Abel of Lebanon for carrying in Feb. last 1 h^d rum and 1 do. molasses from Norwich to Hartford, for the use of the cannon foundery at Salisbury, being £4 2 0, and order drawn

Delivered Col. Williams.

Great part of this day taken up in preparing letters to Congress and our Delegates, in answer to theirs, and about the measures pursuing for filling up our army &c. &c., and to Genl Washington &c. And adjourned to Thursday next, 8 o'clock a. m.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 17TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer, Wm. Hillhouse, Jabez Huntington, Nathl Wales jun^r, Wm. Williams, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That the men belonging to any town in this State who have inlisted or shall inlist into the continental train shall be considered as part of the quota of men to be raised in such town for the continental service not exceeding one hundred and seventy in the whole.

Voted, To draw an order on Saml Gray, Esqr, to deliver four linen shirts to Lt. Col. Thos. Dyer, four do. to Capt. Sanford Kingsbury, and 4 do. to Thos. Gray, surgeon's mate in the continental service.

Order d^d Capt. Kingsbury April 17th, 1777.

Mr. Whiting, one of the managers of the cannon foundery at Salisbury, moves for a settlement of his allowance for future service there if he continues therein, and on consideration of the matter and his allegations &c., it is voted and agreed to allow him at the rate of fifteen shillings *per diem* for his service as an overseer and manager and for his keeping and seeing all the accounts regularly and well kept and wholly attending to the business thereof: he finding himself a horse to use about the furnace business and his own boarding and fire-wood &c., which terms he accepts and agrees to carry the business as aforesaid.

Voted, To direct the overseers of the furnace to procure and take up the pasture in Salisbury belonging to Mr. Richard Smith, for the use of the teams employed to carry on the furnace. *Letter sent April 18th*, 1777.

Voted, To send to Mr. Benj. Henshaw to find the cost of building a bridge over Ousatannock in Salisbury, where its wanted for the use of the furnace, and make report to this Board. *Letter sent April 18th*, 1777.

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A number of commissions for alarm list officers for the whole town of Stonington and various other places were made out and sent forward.

A multitude of queries sent in from different parts about the construction of the proclamation and order for classing and draughting men to fill up the continental army, which took much time to answer.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 17TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq[rs].
Jz. Huntington,	Nath[l] Wales jun[r],	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Sundry letters were wrote to the overseers of the furnace and others on publick affairs.

Voted, To allow an account of £54 5 0, to Col. Sam[l] Abbott for 13 guns by him purchased for the use of Col. Jed. Huntington's battalion, and ordered the Pay-Table to draw for the same.

Order d[d] to Gen. Huntington April 18th, 1777.

Voted, To draw on Isaac Doolittle and company for six hundred and twenty-five pounds of powder, in favour of the selectmen of Waterbury, and take their receipt. *Order d[d] to Mr. Hotchkiss.*

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £8 14 0, in favour of John Alden, for service in conveying 20,000 dollars to Gen[l] Knox by order of Gen[l] Washington, and to keep account thereof as the continent.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table, in favour of Dan[l] Strong, for £15 16 3, in favour of Daniel Strong, for the ballance due to him for carting a load of cloathing to Skeensborough in August, 1776, the whole expence of the journey being £25 16 3, and Cr. for £10 0 0 received by him out of the treasury leaves the above sum of £15. 16. 3.

Order drawn April 15th, 1777.

Voted, To allow an account of Mr. Roger Alden, for the sum of £6 18 6, for supporting John Beedle and his party on the 14th of Nov[r], 1776, in bringing a number of tory convicts sent by the governments committee from Stratford, and that an account thereof be kept with that of fifteen pounds six shillings and five pence paid said Beedle. Said sum of £15. 6. 5 is to be seen Book 3[d], page 85.*

Order d[d] to Gen. Dyer April 18th, 1777.

James Mason, a tory prisoner at Norwich sent hither by the convention of N. York, is permitted to return to said convention at Kingston in the State of N. York and there to submit himself to their direction.

Many matters and questions &c.

Agreed to meet at New London next Monday, to consider the situation of many things there &c., and adjourned accordingly.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1777, AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT NORWICH, ON THE WAY TO N. LONDON, AT GEN[L] HUNTINGTON'S.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Esq[rs].
Jz. Huntington,	
Wm. Williams,	
Jed. Elderkin,	
Nath[ll] Wales,	

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* *Ante,* p. 57.

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Appointed Dr. Philip Turner Director of the Hospital and Hospital Stores of the State of Connecticut in the continental army.

And proceeded to N. London. Put up at Mr. Shaw's and considered and discussed sundry matters.

TUESDAY, 22D APRIL.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Governor Griswold.

E. Dyer,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq^{rs}.
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Nathl Wales,	
Jed. Elderkin,		

A. M. Viewed all the adjacent hills &c. about Fort Trumbull, at Mamacock, and proceeded to the fort and viewed and examined the works there &c., and went on board the ship *Oliver Cromwell* and viewed that &c., and then pass'd over to the fort at Groton &c. and return'd to N. London about 3 o'clock p. m.

Wrote letter of directions to Mr. Eliot, our agent, about prizes &c. in Massachusets, and to Cap. Smedley, concerning two prizes taken by said Smedley and sent in to Boston and Dartmouth &c. This done before viewing &c.

Cap. Wm Coit, late of the ship *O. Cromwell*, apply'd &c., complaining of hard treatment, in being dismiss'd from said ship &c., and moves also to have a committee appointed to assist in examining the accounts of his officers &c. &c. And thereupon appointed Cap. Jno Deshon, Eb^{r} Ledyard, Esq., and Cap. Jos. Hurlbut, a committee to examine and adjust the accounts of Wm. Coit, late captain, and officers of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* against said ship. The wages of the officers, seamen and marines, to be settled agreeable to contract with said officers &c. at their engaging in the service. And Mr. Nathl Shaw, as agent for this State, is directed to attend said gentlemen on said examination, and appear and act for and in behalf of this State in the business aforesaid. *Copy given Cap. Coit.*

Considered the propriety of removing the cannon &c. from Fort Trumbull to Groton, as had been proposed, the back of the same not inclosed, and liable to an attack on the land side &c. And on the question, resolved that it is not expedient to remove them at present.

Voted, That eight field-pieces, in addition to what are now at N. London and Groton, be procured and furnished with carriages, soon as may be, for use at or near said forts as shall be ordered.

Wednesday, 23^{d}. Voted, that Col. Latimer, commander of 200 men lately ordered to and for defence at N. London &c., be and he is instructed and ordered, with the advice of Col. Waters the engineer, to employ such number of said men as are skillful and may be profitably used in blowing rocks, to perform that service at Fort Trumbull, and also such number as may be necessary for guards at said fort, and that the remainder be employed under the proper direction of said engineer in carrying on the works at Groton Fort. *Copy given Col. Latimer.*

Mr. David Bushnell, with Col. Worthington, apply'd and exhibited a specimen of a new invention for annoying ships &c. &c., and on motion &c. voted him an order on officers, agents, commissarys, to afford him assistance of men, boats, powder, lead &c. as he shall call &c. &c.

Delivered him at large.

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Wednesday, 23, at Norwich on return home. Granted to Mr. Adam Babcock (who we met there) leave to purchase of Col. Porter 10 4-pound cannon and 6 swivels and assortment of shot, and to pay Porter for them; and the overseers were ordered to allow them to be delivered &c., and letter wrote accordingly.

THURSDAY 24. PUBLIC FAST THRO' THIS COLONY.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, FRYDAY, APRIL 25TH A.D. 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
p. m. Hon. D. Governor Griswold.

Jz. Huntington,	Nath[l] Wales,	Esq[rs].
Wm. Williams,	p. m. Eliph[t] Dyer,	
Jed. Elderkin,	p. m. Wm. Hilhouse,	
Titus Hosmer,		

Many persons applying about various questions &c &c.

Voted and advised, That Caleb Abel, constable of Lebanon, deliver to Lt. Hez. Tracey £10 of the money he has of one Rosw[l] Bourn, which he has as security for said Bourn having been arrested for a theft &c., and expences having been about pursuing said Bourn &c., and that said Abel be not responsible for more than he returns &c., and that it is advisable for said Bourn to go on in the service &c. And a copy more at large is given, delivered said Tracey.

It being represented to this Board by Col. Jos. Thompson, that his company on duty at N. Haven are willing and desirous to accept an equivalent for their rations in bread and meat only: Voted and resolved, that Colo. Jona. Fitch, commissary of this State, do and shall deliver to the soldiers of said company one pound of bread or flour and one pound and half of beef, or eighteen ounces of pork *per diem* in lieu of and as an equivalent to their single rations, and to the officers their additional rations in like proportions. This rule to be observed untill otherwise ordered by the General Assembly or this Board. *Order d[d] Col. Thompson.*

Letters received from many quarters &c. and account of another prize of Cap. Smedley's, called the *Grog*, being arriv'd at Plimouth, and letters wrote to Cap. Smedley, to Mr Shaw (going there) and Messrs. Watson and Spooner, concerning the three prizes lately sent in by said Smedley &c. And appointed said Sam[l] Smedley Captain of the arm'd brig *Defence*. Informed him of it in his letter, and that his commission should be sent him.

Letters received from Gen. Gates: informs that he is appointed Commander at the northward, and most pressingly requests the eastern troops &c. &c. — inclosing copys of many letters representing the danger they are in &c. &c. &c. and requesting the Governor to write to the States of Massachusets and N. Hampshire &c.

AT A MEETING &C. SATURDAY, 26 APRIL, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Governor Griswold,

late. Elip[t] Dyer,	Nath[l] Wales,	Esq[rs].
Jz. Huntington,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Jed. Elderkin,	
Titus Hosmer,		

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On application by letter from Mr. Henshaw for a guard &c. and the reasons for it, about the furnace &c., and voted, that he procure 4 men to guard each night: 2 at a time, of such as he can trust &c. and that they shall be rewarded, and to be under their direction &c., and contain'd in a letter to him &c.

Letters received from Congress containing a number of resolves &c.

Letters prepared and dispatched to Council at Boston and N. Hampshire, pressing them to hasten on their troops &c. agreeable to the desire of Gen[l] Gates &c., and also to Gen[l] Gates in answer to his &c.

Commissions filled up, in Col. Worthington's alarm roll and for the continental army.

Many persons applying about various questions &c.

Letter to Mr. Eliot, agent in Massachusetts, about the prizes of Cap. Smedley, especially the last, called the brig *Grog*, at Plimouth; and also to Messrs. Watson and Spooner at Plimouth, who have taken care of said prize &c., and sent by Alden, prize master.

Voted and drew an order drawn on Dr. Gray, for 4 shirts for Cap. And. Fitch.
do. on do. for 4 do. for Sam[l] Gray jun[r].
do. on do. for do. for Jn[o] White.
do. on do. for do. for Cap. Vine Elderkin.
taking their receipts to be accountable.

SABBATH DAY, 27TH APRIL, 1777.

The Council met on the alarming accounts from the westward of troops landing at Fairfield, and others going up the North River &c. &c. received by expresses from Gen. Wadsworth last evening.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
D. Governor Griswold.

E. Dyer,	Jed. Elderkin,	Esq[rs].
Jz. Huntington,	B. Huntington,	
W. Williams,	N. Wales,	
Titus Hosmer,		

Took into consideration the aforesaid intelligence, and this day further account from Col. Jed. Huntington at Danbury, that 18 ships and troops &c. are going up the North River near Peekskill, and at night news that Danbury was on fire and our stores taken &c. Much discourse about the matter and about raising the forces of the west &c. &c. &c. and conclude that Gen[l] Huntington go on westward, and with full power to call forth and order as many militia as he shall find necessary upon the appearance of the matter &c., and drew up orders &c., and hastening the continental troops &c.

☞ Gave Lt. Thos. Bingham an order on Dr. Gray for two officers shirts, he to be accountable.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 28TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,	Nath[l] Wales jun[r],	Esq[rs].
Wm. Williams,	Benj Huntington,	
Titus Hosmer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Jed[h] Elderkin.		

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William Starr of Goshen is appointed Ensign in Capt. Chapman's company in Col. Swift's battalion, instead of David Rusco resigned.

Thomas Starr 3d is appointed Ensign in Capt. Woodbridge's company in Col. Swift's battalion, instead of Adino Hale resigned.

Philemon Hall of Guilford is appointed Ensign in Capt. Hall's company in Col. Swift's battalion, instead of Dan Collins resigned.

Gave an order on Saml Gray, Esqr, to deliver Lt. Col. Josiah Starr such articles of cloathing as he wants for the use of the battalion under command of Col. Swift and take receipt.

Gave an order on Dr. Joshua Elderkin to deliver to Lt. Col. Josiah Starr 400 soldiers shirts and such articles of cloathing as he wants for Col. Swift's battalion, and take receipt. Also for two dozen officers shirts, taking receipt &c.

Voted, To lend to the Continental Paymaster for the northern department forty thousand dollars. *An order given this day.*

Gave an order on Saml Gray, Esqr, to deliver to Lt. Col. Meigs fifty shirts for soldiers, for the battalion he belongs to, and to take his receipt. Also for one dozen officers shirts.

Voted, To draw on Messrs. Wales and Elderkin for sixty-four pounds of powder to be delivered to Cap. James Chamberlain of a troop of horse within the fourth regiment of horse in this State sixty-four pounds of powder for the use of the said troop to be kept and disposed of by order of the commission officers of said troop. *Order dd to Capt James Chamberlain.*

Gave an order on Elderkin & Wales for 250 *lb.* of powder, in favour of the selectmen of the town of Toland. *Order dd to Capt. Ja. Chamberlain.*

Gave an order on Messrs. Elderkin & Wales for three hundred pound weight of musquet gun-powder, in favour of the selectmen of the town of Coventry, and take their receipt.

Gave an order on Messrs. Elderkin & Wales for 150 *lb.* of musquet powder, in favour of the selectmen of Bolton, to be accounted for.

Order dd to Capt. Pitkin.

The Revd Ichabod Lewis is appointed Chaplain to Col. Bradley's regiment, instead of Isaac Lewis.

Job Smith is appointed Paymaster in Col. Bradley's battalion, instead of Hezh Rogers.

Elijah Chapman is promoted to be First Lieutenant in Capt. Childs company in Col. Bradley's regiment, instead of George Griswold resigned.

Edward Palmer is promoted to be Second Lieutenant in the same company.

Benj. Converse is appointed to be Ensign in the same company.

——— Gorham is appointed Ensign in the same company.

John Hubbard is appointed Ensign in Capt. Lacey's company in the same regiment.

Othniel Clark is appointed Ensign in Capt. Prior's company in the same battalion.

Daniel Bradley is appointed Ensign in Capt. Hoit's company in the same battalion, instead of Cotton Mather resigned.

Cornelius Higgins is appointed Second Lieutenant in Capt. Catlin's company in the same battalion.

Elias Child is appointed Ensign in the same company.

Wm. Henshaw is appointed Ensign in Capt. Wright's company in the same battalion.

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Voted, To refer the question from the troops at N. London, respecting the allowance of the troops there, to the consideration of the General Assembly to settle a general rule for the allowance for all the troops in the service of this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 29TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	Esq^{rs}.
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Titus Hosmer,	Jed^{h} Elderkin,	
Wm. Hillhouse,		

Voted, That orders be given to the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury to supply the selectmen of Greenwich with 4 3 or 4-pounders for field-pieces, and shot in proportion to what they have on hand; and in case none are to be had but such cannon as are claimed by Col. Porter and Mr. Norton, then to furnish them out of theirs, taking an account of the weight thereof.

Voted, That Mr. Andrew Huntington of Norwich be and he is hereby appointed and directed to procure the two field-pieces made by Elijah Backus, Esqr, to be mounted on proper field-carriages of a simple plain construction, convenient and fit for use, as soon as may be.

Voted, That Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr. of Groton be and he is hereby appointed and directed to find what field-carriages are at and about N. London and Groton, proper and suitable for field-cannon there not yet mounted that are fit for that use, and that he procure six field-pieces which are now on hand to be forthwith mounted and fitted for use at N. London and Groton.

Orders were given to the colonels and commanding officers of the eastern, that is, the 3^{d}, 8th, 20th, 21st regiments of militia in this State, as follows, *viz:*

To Col. of the regiment of militia in the Colony of Connecticut.

The present operations of the enemy and their descent on the western parts of this State opens an alarming prospect of the designs of the enemy this year to lay waste the New England States, and has already roused into motion a great part of our militia west of Connecticut River to oppose the enemy in that quarter. It is not improbable that the enemy may suddenly change the place of their operations from the western to the eastern parts of this or the neighbouring States, which calls upon us in this quarter to be in immediate preparation to exert ourselves on the most sudden alarm.— You are therefore directed and ordered, to give notice to the several captains or commanders of every company within your regiment to see that their respective companies are properly and immediately furnished, equipped and made ready to march to any place that may be attacked or infested by the enemy, on the shortest notice, and each town to collect and deposite in some convenient place or places all such military stores and articles which may be necessary on such occasion.

AT A MEETING &C. WEDNESDAY, 30TH APRIL.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Deputy Governor Griswold.

Jz. Huntington,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq^{rs}.
Wm. Williams,	Wm. Hillhouse,	

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Brown this morning returned, express from Congress &c., bringing a confirmation of the account that the enemy had destroy'd the stores at Danbury, burnt many houses &c. &c. and retiring back &c. And an express soon after with a letter from Gen. Silliman with further accounts, and that Gen. Wooster is mortally wounded, Dr. Atwater, Col. Gould kill'd &c., and the enemy got back and on board their ships &c. Some skirmishes, and kill'd, both sides. Considered what to be done &c. &c.

Gave order on Hez. Perkins, Norwich, to deliver Lt. Thos. Bingham 31 continental arms.

Letters dispatched various ways &c.

Resolve of Congress came by Brown, ordering Gov. Franklin to be closely confined without pen, ink &c. &c., and considered and ordered him to Litchfield goal, and orders and warrant prepared to the sheriff of Hartford county to convey him under proper guard forthwith to Litchfield &c., and instructions also to the sheriff of Litchfield &c., and all inclosed and sent to Sheriff Williams, (by a man who brought letters from Mr. Babcock, news from Danbury &c.)

Voted an order on Titus Hosmer, Esqr, to deliver the selectmen of Lebanon one thousand weight of flax in his hands belonging to this State lately brought from Fairfield: they paying prime cost and charge of transportation.

Voted, That his Honor the Governor be desired to apply for arms, accoutrements, blankets &c. lately arrived in the Eastern States on continental account, for the use of our troops; and also for more cloathing.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MAY 4TH, 1777, SABBATH DAY, ON SPECIAL CALL.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Jed^{h} Elderkin,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Voted, That Capt. Joshua Huntington of Norwich deliver one hundred barrels of the continental powder in his care to Ebenezer Devotion, Esqr, of Windham or order; one hundred do. to Capt. Jeremiah Ripley of Coventry or order, and that he provide teams and transport one hundred do. to Lebanon and there deliver the same to the care of Mr. David Trumbull. And said Devotion and Ripley are hereby appointed and directed to provide teams with proper orders to apply to said Capt. Huntington and receive said powder directed to their care respectively, to be by them safely kept till further orders.

Orders were sent to Messrs. Devotion, Ripley and Capt. Huntington May 4th, 1777.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be and he is hereby directed to sell out the salt in his hands belonging to this State to the inhabitants at his discretion, not exceeding one bushell to any one man, at the lawful price, and render his account. *Copy sent May 4th, 1777, by Genl Huntington.*

Voted, To give orders for removing 30 hogsheads of molasses belonging to this State now at Norwich to the West Farms, Potapaugue and New Concord, to [be] deposited there for safety, at the discretion of Capt. Jabez Perkins, who is hereby directed to take the necessary steps to do the same accordingly.

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Also voted, That Capt. Jz. Perkins deliver forty hogsheads of said molasses to Mr. Andrew Huntington, to be distilled for publick use.

Copy d^d to Genl Huntington.

Voted, To give orders to Genl Huntington to deliver one thousand pounds of the Colony powder in his hands to the selectmen of Norwich, to be accounted for as received as town stock.

Order given May 4th, 1777, d^d to Gen. Huntington.

Voted, To give orders to Capt. Ephraim Bill to deliver to Eben^r Devotion, Esqr, of Windham, ten hogsheads of sugar and fourteen hogsheads of rum in his hands, to be stored for the publick. Also, that he deliver to Capt. Jeremiah Ripley of Coventry ten hogsheads of sugar and fifteen hogsheads rum. Also that he deliver to Mr. David Trumbull of Lebanon ten hogsheads of sugar and fifteen hogsheads of the rum aforesaid, for the same purpose, taking their receipt.

Order d^d to Gen. Huntington May 4th, 1777.

Voted, That Col. Elderkin and Mr. Wales be and they are hereby appointed and directed to prepare and mount a field-piece now in Windham on a proper field-carriage for publick use as soon as possible.

Copy d^d to Col. Elderkin May 4th, 1777.

Gave orders to the colonels and commanding officers of the 5th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 21st, 22^d and 25th regiments of militia in this State to draught and draw on to the forts at N. London and Groton one fourth of their said regiments of militia and alarm list under proper officers, to be there untill relieved by the continental army.

Resolved and voted, That the commanding officers of the continental battalions of this State be directed to apply to any of the civil authority of the same as may be necessary, to furnish the soldiers inlisted within the same with blankets; and the said authority are hereby directed and impowed to grant warrants to suitable persons to impress blankets for the use of said soldiers from their respective towns to which the said soldiers belong, causing the same to be apprized and delivered to the commanding officers or their order, taking their receipts for the same, and that the account of the price of said blankets with the officers receipts be laid before the Committee of Pay-Table for payment.

Copy d^d to Col. Huntington May 4th, 1777.

Gave orders to Brig^r Genl Wadsworth to order one fourth part of his brigade, properly officered. to N. Haven. for defence of the coast there: the officers to be appointed by him.

Gave orders to Brig^r Genl Silliman to order one fourth part of his brigade to the sea coast in the county of Fairfield for defence, under proper officers to be by him appointed for that purpose.

Voted, That Col. Jed^h Elderkin be and he is hereby appointed to procure six men and twelve horses to go to Portsmouth and apply to John Langdon, Esqr, for six of the continental brass field-pieces in his hands with their carriages and apparatus, and bring them here for defence as soon as may be; and that proper orders be drawn on said Langdon to deliver the same accordingly. *Copy d^d to Col. Elderkin May 4th*, 1777. And broke up.

Monday 5th. Governor gave order on N. Haven, or any other powder-mill, to deliver selectmen of Stamford 600 weight of musquet or cannon powder.

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AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MAY, (BEING THE EIGHTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS UNTIL THE SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE NEXT FOLLOWING.) ANNOQUE DOMINI 1777.

Present:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*
The Honble Mathew Griswold Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Samuel Huntington, Esqr,
Oliver Wolcott, Esqr,
Richard Law, Esqr,
William Williams, Esqr,
} *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz.:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benja. Payne, for Hartford.
Colo. John Chester, Colo. Elisha Williams, for Weathersfield.
Colo. Isaac Lee, Mr. John Tredwell, for Farmington.
Capt. Ezekiel Humphry, Mr. Daniel Humphry, for Symsbury.
Capt. Joseph Brooks, Mr. Ezra Brainerd, for Haddam.
Gen. Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Benoni Olcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Timothy Pearl, Mr. John Farley, for Willington.
Maj^{r} Jabez Chapman, Mr. Samuel Huntington, for East Haddam.
Mr. Alexander King, Mr. Isaac Pomroy, for Suffield.
Capt. Reuben Sikes, Maj^{r} Abiel Pease, for Somers.
Capt. Israel Converse, Mr. Samuel Fuller, for Stafford.
Capt. Benja. Talcott, Mr. Seth King, for Bolton.
Colo. Henry Champion, Capt. Elias Worthington, for Colchester.
Colo. Nathl Terry, Mr. Peter Reynolds, for Enfield.
Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Mr. Titus Hosmer, Colo. Comfort Sage, for Midletown.
Mr. Ebenezer White, Colo. John Penfield, for Chatham.
Capt. Henry Allyn, Capt. James Hooker, for Windsor.
Mr. Neziah Bliss, Mr. John Phelps, for Hebron.
Colo. Samuel Chapman, Colo. Solomon Wills, for Tolland.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Jr., Mr. Pierpont Edwards, for New Haven.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brownson, for Woodbury. [*Waterbury.*]

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Mr. Eliphalet Hotchkiss, Mr. James Beard, for Derby.
Mr. Samuel Beach, Colo. Street Hall, for Wallingford.
Mr. Gideon Buckingham, Mr. Lewiss Mallett, jun^{r}, for Milford.
Mr. Nath^{ll} Stone, Mr. Nath^{ll} Ruggles, for Guilford.
General James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Mr. Elnathan Camp, for Durham.
Major Edward Russell, for Branford.
Mr. Nath^{ll} Shaw jun^{r}, Maj^{r} William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Mr. Rufus Lathrop, for Norwich.
Maj^{r} Charles Phelps, Mr. Nath^{ll} Minor, for Stonington.
Capt. John Shipman, Colo. William Worthington, for Saybrook.
Mr. Hez^{h} Lane, Capt. Samuel Gale, for Killingworth.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Colo. Benadam Gallop, for Groton.
Mr. William Noyes, Mr. Samuel Ely, for Lyme.
Colo. Samuel Mott, Mr. Samuel Tyler, for Preston.
Capt. Samuel Squire, Maj^{r} Elijah Abell, for Fairfield.
Capt. Abraham Brinsmade, Capt. Daniel Judson, for Stratford.
Capt. James Potter, Maj^{r} Nehemiah Beardslee, for New Fairfield.
Colo. John Mead, Mr. John McKay, for Greenwich.
Mr. John Davenport jun^{r}, Mr. John Hoit jun^{r}, for Stamford.
Mr. Lemuel Sanford, Mr. Daniel Sanford, for Reading.
Mr. William Forrester, for Ridgfield.
Mr. Daniel Betts jun^{r}, Mr. Moses Comstock, for Norwalk.
Mr. Richard Shute, Capt. Eli Mygatt, for Danbury.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, Mr. Nathaniel Wales j^{r}, for Windham.
Mr. John Clark, Capt. Joshua West, for Lebanon.
Colo. Samuel McLellan, Capt. Nehemiah Lyon, for Woodstock.
Mr. David Payne, Mr. Jabez Fitch jun^{r}, for Canterbury.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edmund Freeman, for Mansfield.
Capt. Benja. Sumner, Maj^{r} Benja. Clark, for Ashford.
Capt. Samuel Craft, for Pomfrett.
Capt. James Bradford, Capt. Andrew Backus, for Plainfield.
Maj^{r} James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Maj^{r} Thomas Brown, Maj^{r} Elias Bewell, for Coventry.
Capt. Simon Learned, Colo. William Danielson, for Killingley.
Mr. Andrew Adams, Mr. Jedidiah Strong, for Litchfield.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Mr. John Canfield, Capt. Simeon Smith, for Sharon.
Mr. Samuel Comstock, Mr. Oliver Warner, for New Milford.
Capt. Aaron Austin, Colo. Seth Smith, for New Hartford.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbell jun^{r}, Capt. Justus Sackett, for Kent.
Colo. Epaphras Sheldon, Capt. Shubael Griswold, for Torrington.
Mr. Nehemiah Andruss, Mr. Eleazer Ensign, for Hartland.
Capt. Edward Rogers, Mr. John Pierce, for Cornwall.
Capt. Timothy Stanley, Capt. Asa Franciss, for Goshen.
Mr. Timothy Hurlburt, Capt. John Watson, for Canaan.
Mr. Josiah Phelps, Mr. Cyprian Webster, for Harwington.
Colo. Joshua Porter, for Salisbury.

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Mr. John Jenkins, Mr. Isaac Tripp, for Westmoreland.*
Titus Hosmer, Esqr, Speaker, } of the House of Representatives.
Benjamin Huntington, Esqr, Clerk, }

This day being appointed by the laws of this State for the Election of the public officers of the same, *viz:* Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, Treasurer, and Secretary, proclamation was made in manner accustomed, and then the votes of the freemen were given in to the persons appointed by the Assembly to receive, sort and count them, and to declare the names of such persons as shall be chosen to any of the forementioned offices according to law; which persons so appointed were: Jabez Hamlin, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Esq^{rs}, Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. John Treadwell, Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Mr. James Beard, Mr. Rufus Lathrop, Capt. Samuel Gale, Maj^{r} Elijah Abell, Mr. Lemuel Sanford, Mr. Nathaniel Wales, Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Andrew Adams, Mr. John Canfield, and Mr. Isaac Tripp, who were all sworn to a faithfull discharge of that trust.

And the votes of the freemen being brought in, sorted and counted,

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, is chosen Governor of this State for the year ensuing.

The Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, is chosen Deputy Governor of this State for the year ensuing.

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, Elisha Sheldon, Esqr, Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr, Jabez Huntington, Esqr, William Pitkin, Esqr, Roger Sherman, Esqr, Abraham Davenport, Esqr, Joseph Spencer, Esqr, Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, Samuel Huntington, Esqr, Richard Law, Esqr, and William Williams, Esqr, were chosen Assistants for the year ensuing.

John Lawrence, Esqr, is chosen Treasurer of this State for the year ensuing.

George Wyllys, Esqr, is chosen Secretary of this State for the year ensuing.

The Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this State was duly administered to his Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, now chosen Governor of the State of Connecticut, who thereupon took the Governor's chair.

The Deputy Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this State was duly administered to the Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, now chosen Deputy Governor of this State, who thereupon took the Deputy Governor's chair.

The Assistants' oath prescribed by the laws of this State was duly administered to Jabez Hamlin, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez

* Samuel Barker was also returned as a Deputy for Branford, Nathaniel Olmsted for Ridgefield, Nathan Frink for Pomfret, and Capt. Abiel Camp for Salisbury. *Roll in Rev. War, VII,* 4.

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Huntington, William Pitkin, Abraham Davenport, Samuel Huntington, Oliver Wolcott, Richard Law, and William Williams, Esq^{rs}, now chosen Assistants over this State, who thereupon took their seats at the Council Board.

The Treasurer's oath prescribed by the law of this State was duly administered to John Lawrence, Esqr, now chosen Treasurer of this State.

The Secretary's oath prescribed by the law of this State was duly administred to George Wyllys, Esqr, now chosen Secretary of this State.

Ordered, That the Honble Jabez Huntington, Esqr, and Colo. William Worthington return the thanks of this Assembly to the Rev^{d} Mr. John Devotion, for his sermon preached before them on the eighth day of May instant, and desire a copy of the same that it may be printed.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, to be Chief Judge of the Superior Courts in this State the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman, William Pitkin and Samuel Huntington, Esq^{rs}, to be Judges of the Superior Courts in this State the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Chauncey, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Law, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Williams, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Jenkins, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Talcott, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Watrous, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of East Hadam the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Midletown the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Pinney, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stafford the year ensuing.

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This Assembly do appoint Solomon Whitman, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Farmington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Owen, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Symsbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Whiting, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Newhaven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Aaron Eliott, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Guilford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Huntington, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Norwich the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Phelps, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stonington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Sturgis, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stamford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Platt Cook, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Danbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Williams, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Plainfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Williams, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Pomfrett the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Caleb Hall, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Wallingford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Sherman, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Woodbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joshua Porter, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Sharon the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Denison, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Wolcott, Seth Wetmore, Samuel Talcott, and Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Hartford for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint George Wyllys, Joseph Talcott, John Pitkin, Benjamin Payne, John Lawrence, Thomas Seymour, Oliver Elsworth, Jesse Root, George Pitkin, Benjamin Colton, Elisha Williams, Solomon Wells, Thomas Belding, John Chester, Silas Dean,

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Henry Allyn, Roger Newberry, Nathaniel Chauncey, Mathew Talcott, Titus Hosmer, Joseph Clark, Solomon Whitman, Jared Lee, Selah Hart, Isaac Lee jun^{r}, Stephen Hotchkiss, John Owen, Judah Holcomb, Hezekiah Humphry, Oliver Humphry, Asahel Holcomb, Joseph Wells, Jabez Brainerd, Joseph Brooks, William Wells, Elizur Talcott, Jonathan Wells of Glastonbury, Alexander King, John Leavitt, Jabez Chapman, Dyar Throop, Samuel Huntington, Epaphras Lord, John Watrous, Daniel Foot, Peter Bulkley, Henry Champion of Colchester, John Phelps, Samuel Gilbert, Ephraim Terry, Edward Collins, Benjamin Talcott, Thomas Pitkin, Joel White, Samuel Cobb, Samuel Chapman, Isaac Pinney, Daniel Alden, Abner Barker, Moses Holmes, David Sage, Nathaniel Freeman, Ebenezer White, Reuben Sikes, Peletiah Mills, Neziah Bliss, John Harmon jun^{r}, David Barber, Noadiah Hooker, John Tredwell, Ichabod Norton, John Curtiss, Daniel Humphry, John Chapman, Elias Worthington, Daniel Elsworth, jun^{r}, Seth Dwight, and Jonathan Wells 2^{d} of Hartford, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Samuel Barker, and Joseph Hopkins, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of Peace and Quorum in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Chauncey, Daniel Lyman, John Whiting, Samuel Hemingway, William Greenough, Eneas Munson, Caleb Beecher, Lamberton Smith jun^{r}, John Fowler, Ephraim Strong, Gideon Buckingham, James Beard, Charles French, John Daviss, Eliphalet Hotchkiss, Thomas Clark, Thomas Mathews, Timothy Judd, Jonathan Baldwin, Samuel Lewiss, Phineas Rice, Aaron Lyman, Dan Johnson, Reuben Atwater, Samuel Beach, Nathaniel Ruggles, John Burgess, Samuel Brown, Timothy Todd, Oliver Dudley, Timothy Hill, Josiah Rogers, James Barker, Ebenezer Russell, David Austin, Thomas Mansfield, Edward Russell, John Dibble, Bezaleel Munson, and Caleb Hall, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Coit, William Hillhouse, Elisha Lathrop, and William Noyes, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Jonathan Latimer, John Hemsted, Joshua Raymond, Winthrop Saltonstall, William Whiting, Ebenezer Hartshorn, Elisha Fitch, Simon Tracy, Benjamin Huntington, Elijah Barker, John Shipman, Christopher Leffingwell, Samuel Tracy, Rufus Lathrop, Nehemiah Huntington, Samuel Leffingwell jun^{r}, Samuel Mott, Benjamin Coit, Robert Crary, Roger Sterry, John Tyler, John Williams, Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Nathaniel Minor, Stephen Babcock, Joseph Palmer, Jonathan Palmer, William

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Williams, Nathan Smith, William Avery, Benadam Gallop, Robert Geer, Ebenezer Ledyard, Thomas Mumford, David Avery, Samuel Ely, John Lay 2d, Samuel Holden Parsons, Eleazer Mather, Richard Wait, Ezra Selden, Hezekiah Whittlesey, Benja. Williams, Justus Buck, William Worthington, Samuel Field, Aaron Eliott, John Pierson, Hezekiah Lane, Guy Richards, Nathaniel Shaw junr, Marvin Wait, Jonathan Huntington, Jabez Perkins, Jeremiah Halsey, Moses Warner, George Eliott, Theophilus Morgan, and Daniel Bishop, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Addams, Robert Fairchild, Joseph Platt Cook, and Andrew Rowland, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Judson, Daniel Fairchild, David Wilcoxson, Joseph Strong, Gold Selleck Silliman, Samuel Squire, Nathan Bulkley, Jonathan Sturges, Thaddeus Burr, Abraham Andrews, Samuel Wakeman, Thomas Fitch, Thaddeus Betts, Mathew Mead, Thomas Youngs, Charles Webb, Benjamin Weed, David Waterbury jr, Peter Mead, John Mead, Messenger Palmer, Amos Mead, David Wood, Samuel Olmsted, Philip Burr Bradley, Daniel Cooley, John Read, Lemuel Sanford junr, William Hawley, Samuel Taylor, Thaddeus Benedict, Daniel Taylor, Nehemiah Beardsley, Thomas Brush, Ephraim Hubbell, Alexander Stewart, Zacheus Towner, John Chandler, Caleb Baldwin, Henry Peck, Samuel Whiting, Elisha Mills, Abraham Brinsmade, Stephen Burroughs, John Judson, George Burr, Gershom Hubbell, Increase Bradley, Nathaniel Benedict, Clapp Raymond, Daniel Betts junr, Samuel Cook Silliman, Stephen St. John junr, Abraham Weed, John Davenport junr, John Hait junr, John Benedict, and Eli Mygatt, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Botsford, Esqr, to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Joshua West, Ebenezer Williams, and Ebenezer Devotion, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Gray, Jedidiah Elderkin, Nathaniel Wales junr, Jacob Simons, Hezekiah Manning, John Clark, Jonathan Trumbull junr, James Pineo junr, James Bradford, Eliashib Adams, David Payne, Thomas Williams, John Grosvenor, Samuel Craft, Nathan Frink, Joseph Storrs, John Salter, Constant Southworth, Jacob Dresser, Bryant Brown, William Danielson, Thomas Moffatt, Phinehas Strong, Ephraim Root, Abraham Burnap junr, Elijah Whiton, Benjamin Sumner, Robert Dixon, Samuel Stewart, James Gordon, Samuel Childs junr, Jedidiah Morse, Charles C. Chandler, Abner Sessions, and Solomon Wales, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

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This Assembly do appoint Increase Mosely, Daniel Sherman, Joshua Porter, and Samuel Canfield, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jacob Woodruff, Isaac Baldwin, David Welch, Reuben Smith, Andrew Adams, Daniel Everet, Benjamin Hinman, Gideon Walker, Thomas Warner, Edward Hinman, Bushnel Bostwick, Samuel Bostwick, Joseph Ruggles, William Cogswell, Abel Hine, John Ransom, Daniel Lee, Nathan Eliott, Ephraim Hubbell jun^{r}, Daniel Griswold, Joseph Lord, John Canfield, John Hutchinson, Charles Burrall, Elisha Baker, Samuel Forbes, Thomas Russell, Heman Swift, Thomas Porter, Samuel Nash, Ebenezer Norton, John Cook, Epaphras Sheldon, Abijah Catlin, Daniel Catlin, Mathew Gillett, Zebulon Merrell, Michael Humphry, Giles Pettibone, Nehemiah Andrews, Hezekiah Fitch, Seth Smith, and Jethro Hatch, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Zebulon Butler, Nathan Denison, Christopher Avery, and Obadiah Gore, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Jenkins, William Judd, Uriah Chapman, Asaph Whittlesey, Caleb Bates, and William McShankan, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Felch to be Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of Windham.

This Assembly do appoint John Jenkins jun^{r} to be Surveyor of Lands for the county of Westmoreland.

An Act prescribing and enjoining an Oath of Fidelity to this State.

Whereas this State and the rest of the United States in America, are become Free and Independent States and have by the unanimous declaration of their Delegates in the Continental Congress assembled published to all the world such their freedom and independence,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all members of the General Assembly, and all officers civil and military, and freemen of this State, shall take the following oath, *viz:*

You A. B. do swear by the name of the ever living God that you will be true and faithfull to the State of Connecticut as a free and independent State, and in all things do your duty as a good and faithfull subject of the said State in supporting the rights, liberties and privileges of the same: So help you God.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when said oath shall be administered to any of the people called Quakers, it shall be by way of affirmation; and that no person shall execute

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any office civil or military, or give their vote or suffrage for the same, after the first day of September next, unless such person shall have first taken said oath, if thereto required by proper authority. And it shall be the duty of the authority administering such oath, to give a certificate thereof, and the names of the persons to whom the same hath been administered shall be enrolled in the town-clerk's office in the same manner as the names of freemen are enrolled. Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this act shall extend to prevent any person under the age of twenty-one years, who hath a right by law, from voting for the choice of military officers.

An Act prescribing the Form of an Oath to be taken by the Freemen of this State, and for enjoining the Same on the proper Subjects thereof.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the following form of an oath be and it is hereby established to be taken and administered to the freemen of this State, *viz:*

You A. B. being by the providence of God an inhabitant of this State of Connecticut, do swear by the name of the ever-living God, that you will be true and faithfull to the Governor and Company of this State and the constitution and government thereof as a free and independent State; and whensoever you shall be called to give your vote or suffrage touching any matter which concerns this State, you shall give it as in your conscience you shall judge will conduce to the best good of the same, without respect of persons or favour of any man: So help you God.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no freeman within this State shall be allowed to vote in the election of any of the officers of government untill he has taken the aforesaid oath in open freeman's meeting in the town where he dwells, the said oath to be administered by an Assistant or justice of the peace, and the names of the freemen enrolled; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided nevertheless, that where the necessity of the case may require it, said oath may be administered by the town-clerk or one of the selectmen.

And be it further enacted, That the act passed by the General Assembly in May last, entituled An act in alteration of an act entituled an act prescribing and establishing the forms of oaths in this Colony, so far only as the same respects the form of an oath for freemen, be and the same is hereby repealed and made void; and that when the same shall be taken by the people called Quakers, it shall be by way of solemn affirmation.

An Act to prevent Traiterous Conspiracies against this and the United States of America.

Whereas many persons inimical to this and the United States of America do wander from place to place with intent to spy out the state of the Colonies, form traiterous conspiracies against the State,

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and give intelligence to the enemies thereof, to the great danger and prejudice of the inhabitants of said State: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person or persons in any character or capacity whatever, except persons well known and esteemed to be friendly to said States, military commission officers on their march to or from the army or in defence of this or the said United States, and soldiers in company with and under the command of such officers, shall be allowed to travel or pass from town to town without a proper permit signed by some Assistant or justice of the peace, general or field officer, selectman or committee of inspection, certifying where the bearer belongs, the place to which he is to travel, and that he is reputed friendly to the United States.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of every Assistant and justice of the peace, and they are hereby authorized, to examine and seize every suspected person travelling within this State; and all general and field officers, and all other military officers of the army or militia of every rank and order within this State, and every selectman, committee of inspection, constable and grand juryman, are hereby authorized and directed to examine every suspected person travelling in this State, that shall come to their knowledge; and if such person shall not produce a proper certificate, or otherwise satisfy such officer that he or she is friendly to this and the other United States, such officer is hereby authorized and directed with or without a warrant to apprehend such suspected person and cause him or her to appear before the next Assistant or justice of the peace. And all persons are hereby required to afford all necessary assistance therein, (if required by such officer,) under the same penalties as by law is provided for refusing to assist sheriffs and constables in the execution of their office. And if such suspected person apprehended by any Assistant or other officer shall not produce a proper certificate or satisfy such authority that he is friendly to this and the United States of America, such authority is hereby authorized to bind him or her to his or her good behaviour or to commit him or her to goal, there to remain untill delivered by due order of law as the nature of the case may require. And such Assistant or justice of the peace are hereby authorized to tax all necessary cost occasioned by such examination and grant execution thereon.

An Act in Addition to an Act entituled An Act for apprehending and securing such Inimical Persons as shall be deemed and adjudged dangerous to this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all persons confined by force of said act, or by order of this Assembly or by his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety, may at all times be taken in execution for any debt or rate, notwithstanding their

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being confined in either of the ways aforesaid: Provided nevertheless, that such persons as soon as they shall be discharged from such execution shall be forthwith remanded to the place where they were confined as aforesaid at the time of their being taken in execution, in case the time for which they were so confined shall not then have expired.

An Act for adopting and affixing the Stile, Title or Appellation of the Governor and Commander in Chief of this State for the Time being.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the stile, title or appellation of the Governor or Commander in Chief of this State for the time being shall be HIS EXCELLENCY; and all public officers and others within this State in their addresses to the Commander in Chief for the time being are to conform themselves accordingly.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That whenever it shall happen that the judge of either of the respective county courts shall be absent out of this State, or be by sickness or otherwise unable to attend the duty of said office, in that case the first of the justices of the quorum in said county who shall be able to attend thereon shall be invested with all the powers and authorities in every matter or thing necessary for the purpose, as the judge of said court by law hath; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act in Addition to a Law of this State entitled An Act for making the Town of Westmoreland in this State into a distinct County.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all the justices of the peace within the county of Westmoreland, who before the making said act had rendered judgments in any cases whereof execution yet remains to be done, may and shall, as the case may require, grant executions on such judgments as fully as though they had remained justices of the peace in and for the county of Litchfield, to which they belonged at the time of rendering said judgments. And that all actions commenced and yet depending and undetermined in the county of Litchfield wherein there has been no interlocutory judgment, and where both the parties belong to the county of Westmoreland, may and shall be transmitted to and entered in the clerk's office in the county court in the county of Westmoreland; and the county court in said county of Westmoreland are hereby authorized and impowered to take cognizance thereof and proceed thereon as though the same had been originally commenced before said Westmoreland county court.

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An Act in further Addition to an Act entitled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the major generals, or either of them, within this State shall be and are hereby impowered and authorized, with or without orders of the Captain General or Commander in Chief, if occasion shall require upon any alarm or invasion, or notice of the appearance of an enemy either by sea or land, to assemble in martial array and put in warlike posture the whole or any part of the brigades or regiments of militia of any denomination within this State or any parts of them, which he may think needfull, and the same to order, lead, conduct or employ, for assisting, succouring or relieving any of the inhabitants of the United States, forts, towns or places, attacked by an enemy or in danger thereof, as well out of the limits of this State as within the same, as the exigency and circumstances of the case shall require, for the safety and defence of this and the neighbouring governments, in like manner as colonels and chief officers of regiments are by law enabled to do within their respective regiments; and they are to send intelligence to the Captain General, and attend and observe such directions and orders as he or they may receive from him: And the brigadiers general shall have the same power and authority within their respective brigades and shall proceed in like manner on like occasions, and shall give intelligence to either of said major generals, and act according to such orders as they shall receive from him or the Captain General or Commander in Chief, and such major general shall communicate such intelligence to the Captain General or Commander in Chief and receive his orders for his further conduct.

Provided nevertheless, That nothing in this act shall be construed to supercede or alter the power of the several colonels or commanders of regiments, to call forth and assemble their regiments in manner and for the purpose as mentioned and directed by law, giving intelligence to the Captain General or Commander in Chief or to the next major general or brigadier general, and to obey such further orders as he or they may receive from any superior officer: such major or brigadier general to communicate any intelligence they may receive from such colonels or commanding officers to the Captain General or Commander in Chief and attend such orders as he or they may receive from him.

An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act of [this] State entituled An Act to prevent Monopolies and Oppression by excessive and unreasonable Prices for many of the Necessaries and Conveniencies of Life.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the price of pork weighing eight score or under shall not exceed three pence half-penny, from eight to ten score not to exceed

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three pence three farthings, and all above ten score not to exceed four pence per pound; good West India rum not to exceed eight shillings per gallon per hogshead, nine shillings and sixpence per single gallon, and two shillings and sixpence per quart, and so in like proportion for less quantities according to the accustomed usages for retailing small quantities, with the other allowances as stated by said act; New England rum not to exceed five shillings per gallon per hogshead, five and sixpence per gallon by the barrell, six shillings per single gallon, and one shilling and sixpence per quart, and so in like proportion for smaller quantities, with the allowance according to said act; best Muscovado sugar not to exceed three pounds six shillings per hundred per hogshead, three pounds twelve shillings by single hundred weight, and ten pence per pound at the first port of delivery, with allowance for transportation according to said act; American manufactured cheese of the best quality in each year in which the same is made and untill the first day of March next following, not to exceed sixpence per pound, and after that time seven pence half-penny; best neat leather shoes not to exceed eight shillings and sixpence per pair; salted pork per barrell of the quantity stated in said act not to exceed four pounds twelve shillings; good yard-wide tow cloth not to exceed two shillings and ninepence per yard, and so in proportion according to its quality; rye shall not exceed four shillings per bushell; wheat flour not to exceed twenty shillings per hundred, gross weight; molasses not to exceed four shillings and sixpence per gallon per hogshead, and five shillings and threepence per single gallon at the first port of delivery, with allowance according to said act.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said act, so far only as it respects the price of salt and beef, be and the same is hereby repealed.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person shall be guilty of the breach of this act, in any part thereof, he shall be subject to the same prosecution and, on conviction, to the same pains and penalties as in said former act is provided.

An Act to prevent the Currency of any Paper Bills in this State except those emitted by this Assembly or by Order of the United States.

Whereas this Assembly at their sessions in October last passed an act establishing the currency of the bills of credit emitted by the United States of America and those emitted by this Assembly, and made them a legal tender in all payments within the same, which bills together with the silver and gold passing within this State afford a sufficient medium of trade, and the circulation of paper bills emitted by any other of the States has a natural tendency to depreciate the continental bills: Which to prevent,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from

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and after the first day of August, A.D. 1777, no person within this State shall receive any paper bills in payment for any article of commerce, or for any debt or demand whatsoever, except the bills emitted by this or the United States, on the penalty of forfeiting and paying to the treasury of the county in which such payment shall be made a sum not exceeding fifty pounds, and not less than forty shillings, as the circumstances of the case shall appear, to be determined by the court before whom the complaint shall be made and prosecuted.

And it is further enacted, That whoever shall prosecute any breach of this act to effect before any court proper to try the same shall be entituled to one half the penalty that shall be so recovered with his just costs, the other half of the penalty to be paid into the county treasury where the prosecution shall be made if judgment is obtained at the county or superior court; if judgment is obtained before a justice of the peace, then said half of said fine to be paid into the treasury of the town where said tryal is had.

An Act for exempting those Persons in this State commonly stiled Separates from Taxes for the Support of the established Ministry and building and repairing Meeting-Houses.

Whereas there are some churches in this State of persons professing themselves to be strict congregationalists, who notwithstanding have separated from the churches and congregations established by the laws of this State, and are yet liable to pay taxes for supporting the ministry, building and repairing meeting-houses for the use of the established churches,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all such persons as profess themselves to be strict congregationalists but have nevertheless separated as aforesaid from the churches and congregations established by the laws of this State, and are situated so near to any church of such separatists where there is a minister ordained and abiding, performing divine service, and where the ordinances and sacraments of the gospel are regularly and at stated times administered, that he or they can and do constantly attend divine and public worship in and with such church, and contribute his or their reasonable proportion to support and maintain the same in such way and manner as such church shall esteem most reasonable and just, and on such person or persons producing a certificate from such church of his constant and uniform attendance with such church in their seasons of divine worship and of his or their contributing their proportion for support of the ministry thereof and their places of worship for the time being as judged reasonable by such church, he or they shall be exempted from the payment of any tax for the support of the ministry or building and repairing meeting-houses for the established churches in this State, so long as he or they continue thus to do; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. And every person claiming the benefit of this act shall be disqualified

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to vote in any society meeting, save only for granting taxes for the support of schools and for the establishment of rules and regulations for schools and the education of children in them. Provided also, that the names of all such persons who shall attend public worship with such separate church and congregation and otherwise qualify themselves to take the benefit of this act, be by the church with whom they claim to attend transmitted to and lodged with the clerk of the society wherein such person dwells some time in the month of October annually, with a certificate underwritten, signed and attested by the minister, elder or deacon of such church, that such persons therein named have attended their meetings and done their part and proportion for the support of the ministry and worship in the judgment of the major part of the church with whom such persons separating as aforesaid claim to have attended, according to the true intent of this act.

And be it further enacted, That all such churches and congregations of separatists as aforesaid shall have and enjoy full liberty to use and exercise the same powers and privileges for the maintaining and supporting their respective ministers, building and repairing meeting-houses for divine worship, as the ecclesiastical societies established by the laws of this State have and do enjoy and exercise; and in the same way and manner may commence, warn and hold their meetings, and direct their proceedings from time to time as occasion shall require for the purpose aforesaid.

An Act in further Addition to the Law entitled An Act providing in Case of Sickness.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person shall hereafter within the limits of any town in this State receive, give or communicate the infection of the small-pox by way of inoculation, or in any such like method, without first obtaining a certificate from the major part of the civil authority and of the selectmen of such town approving of and permitting the same; nor shall any person be aiding or assisting therein without such liberty first obtained as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That the civil authority and selectmen in any town in this Colony shall not grant permission for the small-pox to be communicated by inoculation untill the approbation of such town be first had and obtained by the vote of two-thirds of the voters assembled in legal town meeting, excepting it be unto persons belonging unto the continental army, officers or soldiers, and also in such case where any person shall make it appear fully to the satisfaction of the said authority and selectmen, that he or she hath been involuntarily exposed to take the infection, and probably hath thereby taken and received the same in the natural way.

And be it further enacted, That whenever the civil authority and selectmen shall grant liberty and permission to inoculate as aforesaid,

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they are directed and required to assign the place, house or houses, where it shall be carried on, and the infected persons shall be kept; and to appoint or approve of the nurses or tenders employed, give orders respecting the time the persons infected, their nurses and tenders shall continue in the places appointed, and also respecting their cleansing and coming out, and such other orders and directions as shall be judged most expedient for preserving the inhabitants from taking the infection; for which service a meet recompence shall be paid by those concerned, or some of them, to said authority and selectmen. That in case any person shall presume voluntarily to receive, take, give or communicate the small-pox directly or indirectly, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, or be aiding or assisting therein, such offender shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of this State the sum of fifty pounds for every such offence. And any person who shall transgress any of the rules or orders made or given in pursuance of this act, such transgressor shall forfeit and pay to the treasurer of the town where the offence shall be committed the sum of eight pounds: Provided nevertheless, that all such persons and all others shall be subjected to and under the regulations of the law aforesaid, entitled An act providing in case of sickness, in every case wherein other or different provision is not herein made concerning the same. And whenever any person shall be brought to tryal for the breach of this act in communicating or receiving the small-pox, aiding or assisting therein, such person shall be deemed and adjudged guilty thereof, although the complainant shall not be able to produce any other proof than to render it probable; unless such person shall make oath before the court before whom such person is on tryal, that he or she have not voluntarily, directly or indirectly, given or received said infection, either by inoculation or any way or means whatsoever; which oath the said court are hereby impowered to administer. And all informing officers are hereby impowered and required to inform against all and every person and persons who shall transgress this act or any rules and orders made in pursuance of this act.

And be it further enacted, That the statute made and passed by this Assembly in May, 1761, entituled An act in further addition to the law entitled An act providing in case of sickness, be and the same is hereby repealed.

An Act for reviving and continuing an Act of this Assembly made and passed at the Sessions of this Assembly in December last for preventing the Distilling of Spirituous Liquors from Grain.

Whereas said act was to continue in force untill the rising of this Assembly and no longer,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act be revived, and the same is hereby revived and shall continue and be in force untill the rising of this Assembly in October next.

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Articles, Rules and Regulations for preserving Order, Good Government and Discipline among the Militia and other Forces of this State when called to actual Service for the Defence and Security of the Same.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the following articles shall be observed for the purpose aforesaid:

SECTION 1ST.

ART. 1. All officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers, when the safety and good of the service permits, shall with decency and reverence attend divine service at the place appointed for that purpose, on penalty of being by the judgment of a court martial mulct of the whole of his or their wages for one day respectively.

ART. 2. Any officers, non-commissioned officers or soldiers, who shall use any unlawfull oath or execration shall incur the penalty expressed in the first article.

ART. 3. Any officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier, who shall behave himself with contempt or disrespect towards the general or generals or commander in chief, or shall speak words tending to his or their hurt or dishonour, or shall begin, excite, cause or join in any mutiny or sedition in the regiment, troop, company, garrison, party, post, detachment or guard, to which he belongs, or in any other corps or party of the militia or forces of this State or the United States, or shall not use his utmost endeavours to suppress any mutiny or sedition where he is present, or knowing of any mutiny or intended mutiny shall delay to give information to the commanding officer, such officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier shall suffer such punishment as shall be inflicted, according to the nature of the offence, by the sentence of a court martial.

ART. 4. Any officer or soldier who shall strike his superior officer, or shall draw or offer to draw or lift up any weapon or offer any violence against him, being in the execution of his office, or shall disobey his lawfull commands, shall suffer such punishment as shall be inflicted, according to the nature of the offence, by the sentence of a court martial.

ART. 5. Any non-commissioned officer or soldier who shall desert or, without leave of his commanding officer, absent himself from the troop, company or party to which he belongs, shall be punished according to the nature of his offence by the judgment of a court martial.

ART. 6. Any officer or soldier being convicted of advising or encouraging any other officer or soldier to desert shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general court martial.

ART. 7. All officers shall have right to quell quarrels, frays and disorders, though in any other corps, and to order in arrest or confinement the persons concerned; and whosoever shall offer any violence to such officer, though of an inferior rank, shall be punished at the discretion of a court martial.

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ART. 8. All challengers, duellers and seconds, and all who shall aid or abet therein, shall be dealt with according to the nature of his offence agreeable to the laws of war by the judgment of a court martial.

ART. 9. Any officer or soldier who shall use any reproachfull or provoking speeches or gestures to another, or shall behave disorderly or use any menacing words or contemptuous carriage in presence of a court martial, shall be punished according to the nature of his offence.

ART. 10. Any non-commissioned officer or soldier who shall in camp, garrison, quarters, or on a march, offer any violence to any inhabitant, or commit any outrage on him or his goods, or shall plunder any house or other building, or any field, garden or lot, of any effects, or shall kill, wound or destroy any cattle, sheep, hogs, fowls, or any other creature belonging to any of the good people of this State, or shall by threatning or otherwise force or compel any of the inhabitants to loan, give or sell, any horse, carriage, victuals, liquor, entertainment, or any other thing, shall be punished, according to the nature of his offence, by the judgment of a court martial, and reparation shall be made to the party injured by paying him the wages due to the offender, or by delivering him over to the civil authority to be dealt with according to the law of the land as the case may require; and any officer who shall command on a march or in camp, garrison or quarters, who shall refuse or neglect to see justice done herein, shall on proof thereof before a general court martial be cashiered and otherwise suffer such penalties as such offender ought to have done.

ART. 11. No non-commissioned officer or soldier shall be found one mile from camp without leave in writing from his superior officer: No officer or soldier shall lie out of his camp or quarters without leave from his commanding officer: All non-commissioned officers and soldiers shall at retreat-beating retire to their quarters: All officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers shall at the times prefixed by the commanding officer immediately repair to the parade, alarm post, or other place of rendezvous, and there shall remain untill duly dismissed or relieved; any who shall offend herein shall be punished, according to the nature of his offence, by the judgment of a court martial.

ART. 12. Any commissioned officer found drunk on guard or other duty under arms shall be cashiered: Any non-commissioned officer or soldier so offending shall suffer such punishment as shall be inflicted by the sentence of a court martial.

ART. 13. Any centinel found sleeping on his post, or who shall leave it before relieved, shall suffer such punishment as a court martial shall order.

ART. 14. Any person who shall designedly make a false alarm, or any officer or soldier who shall without urgent necessity leave his platoon or division, shall be punished, according to the nature of his offence, by the judgment of a court martial.

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ART. 15. Any officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier who shall leave his post in time of an engagement, to go in search of plunder, shall suffer such punishment as a general court martial shall inflict.

ART. 16. Any officer or soldier who shall by his influence cause or excite the officers or soldiers of any post, to compel the commanding officer of any post or garrison to give it up to the enemy or to abandon it, shall suffer death or such other punishment as a general court martial shall inflict.

ART. 17. Any officer or soldier who shall make known the parole or countersign to any who is not entitled to receive it, or shall give a false parole or watch-word to any who are entitled to receive it, shall suffer death or such other punishment as a general court martial shall inflict.

ART. 18. Whatsoever officer or soldier shall relieve the enemy with money, victuals, or arms or ammunition, or shall knowingly harbour or protect an enemy, or shall hold a correspondence with or give intelligence to the enemy, either directly or indirectly, shall suffer death or such other punishment as a general court martial shall inflict.

ART. 19. Whatsoever officer or soldier in time of an engagement shall traiterously and evidently be aiming to decoy or betray any corps, party or detachment, into the hands and power of the enemy, shall suffer death or such other punishment as a general court martial shall inflict.

ART. 20. Whatsoever officer or soldier shall shamefully abandon any post committed to his charge, or endeavour by words to induce others to do the like in time of an engagement, shall suffer death or such other punishment as a general court martial shall inflict.

ART. 21. No non-commissioned officer or soldier shall sell, waste, destroy or embezzle any arms, ammunition or other warlike stores belonging to and delivered to him for the service of this State, on pain of being punished according to the nature of his offence and being mulct of his pay to the value of the thing so sold or wasted, by the sentence of a court martial.

ART. 22. All crimes not capital, and all disorders and neglects which officers and soldiers may be guilty of to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, though not mentioned in these articles, are to be punished by courts martial according to the nature and degree of [the] offence.

SECTION 2D.

ART. 1. All general courts martial and for the tryal of capital offences shall be appointed by the captain general, the lieutenant general, or a major general or a brigadier general commanding in a separate post of this State for the time being, and the names and rank of the members be included in such appointment.

ART. 2. Every general court martial shall consist of thirteen

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members, the senior in rank to be president, who shall not be under the rank of a colonel.

ART. 3. All courts martial not general shall be appointed and the members named by the colonel or commanding officer of the regiment to which the offender who is to be tryed belongs.

ART. 4. The sentence of any court martial shall not be put in execution untill the same be approved, and the execution ordered by him who appointed the said court, and no sentence for a capital offence shall be put in execution without being first laid before the captain general for the time being and by him approved of.

ART. 5. All the members of a court martial shall behave with decency and calmness, and shall begin with the youngest in rank to give their opinions.

ART. 6. All regimental courts martial shall consist of five members, unless in cases where not more than three can be had: all shall be commissioned officers.

ART. 7. No field officer shall be tryed but by a general court martial; nor in those cases shall any member be below the degree of a captain.

ART. 8. No regimental court martial shall sentence any prisoner to receive a greater punishment for one offence than thirty-nine stripes.

ART. 9. All offenders who are confined shall have their tryal as soon as the nature of the case and the situation of the service will admit; and the crime shall be given in in writing before the relieving of the guard.

ART. 10. Every officer commanding the guard where an officer is committed shall within twenty-four hours report the prisoner and the crime he is charged with to the commanding officer of the post, that speedy justice may be done.

ART. 11. All suttlers and others who keep with the troops in service shall be subject to these rules and regulations.

ART. 12. Any officer who shall make a false return for the purpose of obtaining more pay, provisions or stores than is justly due to any officers or men which are in service, shall on conviction thereof be cashiered and rendered incapable of holding any military commission thereafter in this State, and shall also be holden to reimburse any money or other articles drawn by virtue of such false return.

ART. 13. All members sitting in courts martial shall be sworn by the president, and the president shall himself be sworn by the officer next in rank in said court: The oath to be taken previous to their proceeding to the tryal of any offender in form following, *viz:*

You A. B. swear that you will well and truly try and impartially determine the cause of the prisoner now to be tryed according to the rules and regulations for preserving order, good government and discipline among the militia and other forces of this State when called to actual service for the defence and security of the same: So help you God.

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ART. 14. All persons called to give evidence in any case before a court martial who shall refuse to give evidence shall be punished for such refusal at the discretion of such court martial. The oath to be administred in the form following, *viz:*

You swear that the evidence you shall give in the case now in hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth: So help you God.

In Congress, April 29th 1777.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several States forthwith to order the sums advanced by them for recuiting the continental battalions raised by the said States, together with the names of the officers receiving the same, to be transmitted to the paymasters of such battalions, and that the said paymasters be respectively required to call such officers to account therefor, who shall produce certificates from the muster-master or deputy muster-master-general, specifying the number of non-commissioned officers and soldiers; and also of officers of the light horse, the number of horses and arms and equipage belonging to their respective regiments, companies or troops, together with such other vouchers as shall be necessary to prove the sums expended for these articles, the subsistence of the troops before their joining the army, the loss of money by death or desertions of non-commissioned officers and soldiers before muster, or other necessary expences. And it is further recommended to the said States, that they order the regimental paymasters to report to them the settlement of the said accounts, together with the vouchers to be produced when confirmed by the said States to the Treasury Board on adjustment of their accounts. That it be recommended to the said States, if any of the regimental paymasters shall neglect to obey their directions as aforesaid, to order their names to be transmitted to the commander in chief of the department, who shall thereupon remove from office such delinquent paymasters, and supply their places with such others as he shall think qualifyed therefor. That if any officer shall not within one month after application for that purpose render such account, the regimental paymaster requiring the same shall make report thereof to the commander in chief of the department, who shall order a court martial on such officer, and also on such other officer or officers as shall be guilty of embezzling the public money, and the fact being ascertained by their report, shall immediately cause him to be cashiered and a copy of the report delivered to the regimental paymaster, to be transmitted to the State to which he belongs, that such State may give proper orders for compelling the delinquent officer to account in a court of justice. That duplicate accounts of all monies advanced by Congress, by general officers, and by the paymaster and deputy paymasters general, for recruiting continental battalions, be transmitted by the Treasury Board, such general officers and paymaster and deputy paymaster general respectively, to the commissioners

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of accounts for the army in the northern and middle departments, who shall deliver the same to the respective regimental paymasters, to enable them to call the officers chargeable with such money to account in the manner before directed; and the said regimental paymasters shall transmit to the respective commissioners aforesaid the settlement of such accounts with the vouchers, who shall report to the Treasury Office those which are approved of by them, and shall proceed with the regimental paymaster neglecting to obey their directions herein, and officers not accounting for the monies by them received as aforesaid, in the manner proposed to be pursued by the States in [consequence of] the preceding resolve. That the general officers, paymaster and deputy paymasters general, respectively, be also directed to transmit to the Treasury Office duplicate accounts of all monies advanced by them for recruiting continental battalions as aforesaid. That all regimental paymasters be directed to apply to the respective commissioners for accounts of the sums advanced to their officers as aforesaid. That all commissioners of claims or accounts be impowered to administer oaths or affirmations to persons examined by them in the execution of their office.

Extract from the minutes, CHARLES THOMSON Secr^ty.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the foregoing resolutions of the Honble Continental Congress, bearing date April 29th, 1777, be and the same are hereby ordered to be carefully and punctually performed and complied with, so far as to this State appertains; and all officers and other persons whom it may concern belonging to this State are hereby required and enjoined to take notice of and pay the most carefull and exact obedience to the said resolves of said Congress in every particular to them respectively appertaining, upon the pains and penalties of being dealt with according to the directions therein contained, and to such other and further penalty as to this Assembly shall appear fit and just according to the nature and demerit of such offence or neglect.

An Act for raising and compleating the Quota of the Continental Army to be raised in this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That any two men belonging to this State, and not of the continental army, who shall procure an able-bodied soldier or recruit to inlist into either of the continental battalions to be raised in this State, for the term of three years or during the war, shall be exempted from actual service, and from all drafts during the term for which they shall so procure such soldier or recruit to inlist, such soldier however to be accounted as part of the quota of the town to which such soldier belonged at the time of his being so procured untill their quota is compleated, afterwards to be accounted as part of the quota of that town by whose inhabitants he may be hired and procured to inlist.

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And be it further enacted, That in case said battalions shall not be compleated by the 26th day of May instant, the captains or commanding officers of the militia alarm list and independent companies, which have not already furnished their proportion of soldiers for said battalions, shall convene their respective companies at the usual place of parade on said day and shall then and there detach to serve in one of the most convenient companies in said battalions, untill the first day of January next unless sooner discharged, according to the provisions of a Resolve and Proclamation of the Governor and Council of Safety, bearing date the 12th day of April last, one man from each of the classes heretofore made in pursuance of said resolve and proclamation, which have not already procured a recruit to inlist into some one of said battalions. And in case persons so detached, or any of them, shall neglect or refuse to go into said service, said officers shall continue to detach successively from the class to which the person detached and neglecting or refusing to go into said service belongs, untill they shall either detach one from such class who will agree to go into said service, or untill they shall have detached every man in such class, and the person or persons so neglecting or refusing shall be liable to the penalties that persons drafted and neglecting to march are subjected to by a statute law of this State entituled An act in further addition to an act entituled [an act] for furnishing and regulating the militia and for the encouragement of military skill for the better defence of this State, and be proceeded against according to the directions of said statute: Provided however, that no person who has been already detached by virtue of the said proclamation shall be liable to be drafted by force of this clause.

And be it further enacted, That if by drafting as aforesaid said officers shall not be able to procure one man from each of said classes to go into said service, said officers of said respective companies shall thereupon immediately proceed to detach from their respective companies to serve in said battalions untill the first day of January next such a number of able-bodied effective men as is proportioned to the number of classes belonging to said companies, which have not provided their men, and shall certify the names of the persons so drafted to the next commission officers of any of said battalions, who is authorized to take and cause him or them to join and serve in such battalions untill the first day of January next unless sooner discharged as aforesaid. And the penalty which he or they shall have been subjected to by said proclamation or this act shall be remitted to him or them. And in case the person or persons in either of the ways aforesaid drafted shall thereupon voluntarily engage in either of the said battalions for said term, he or they shall at the expiration thereof be entituled to a premium of three pounds, and if sooner discharged to such part of said sum as is proportionable to the time for which he shall have served: Provided nevertheless, that no person in actual service on the 15th of May instant or belonging to any class who shall have furnished or procured a man for said service in either of said

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battalions, or hath contributed a part or proportion thereto, shall be subjected to such draft; anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, That if any person drafted in manner aforesaid, or any other in their stead, shall inlist into any of said battalions for the term of three years or during the war, the fines arising by virtue of said proclamation and this act within the town to which he or they belong shall be distributed to such person or persons equally: Provided nevertheless, that not more than twenty pounds shall be distributed to one man.

And be it further enacted, That every man so drafted as aforesaid who shall thereupon inlist into any of the continental battalions raising in this State for the term of three years or during the war, and shall be accepted in said service, shall be entituled to the continental and state premiums, cloathing, wages and allowances.

Whereas the exigencies of this State and the publick require a considerable supply of the treasury,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That a tax of twelve pence on the pound on the general list of polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State brought into this Assembly in October, 1776, with the additions, be laid, collected and paid into the treasury of this State at or before the 29th day of December next; and the Treasurer is ordered to send out his warrants accordingly.

And for a temporary relief in the present exigency, it is further resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby ordered and directed to borrow or issue his notes on interest for such sums as there may be immediate occasion for, not exceeding the sum of seventy-two thousand pounds in the whole, payable at said Treasurer's office in continental bills or bills of this State, at or before the end of one year from the date, with interest at six *per cent. per annum* untill paid, or untill publick notice shall be given by said Treasurer after the expiration of one year that he is ready to pay the same; and none of such notes shall be issued for a less sum than thirty pounds, and that the moneys due to this State be collected as soon as may be.

Resolved by this Assembly, That for the more effectual defence of this State on the sea coasts and frontiers, and to prevent incursions and depredations of the enemy, there be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment two battalions, to consist of 728 men in each battalion including officers, in which two battalions shall be computed the troops that are already ordered to be raised and stationed in the several parts of this State on the sea coast. That said two battalions be continued in service untill the first day of January next, unless sooner discharged by the General Assembly or his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety. That all non-commissioned officers and soldiers who shall inlist into either of said battalions by the 15th day of July

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next, shall be allowed and paid a premium of six pounds, L. money, they providing themselves with good and sufficient arms, accoutrements, blankets and knapsacks; and such non-commission officers and soldiers shall have the same wages and allowances for subsistance as is by Congress allowed to the continental army: Provided, that if said two battalions shall not be filled up by the said 15th day of July, it shall be in the power of the Governor with the advice of his Council of Safety to discharge so many of the commission officers as are supernumerary in proportion to the privates, according to the rule lately adopted and established by Congress; and such officers shall be allowed wages to the time of their discharge.

Whereas by reason of the great scarcity of salt, the inhabitants of this State are reduced to great distress, and likely to be reduced to greater if some effectual measures are not come into to prevent it,

Therefore it is resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety are desired and enabled to take the matter into their consideration and concert a proper plan for the manufacturing salt within this State and carry the same into execution; and also for the importation of salt: all at the cost and risque of this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the militia officers holding commissions in this State bearing date before the Declaration of Independence within this State be directed to deliver their commissions to the colonel or chief commanding officer of the regiment to which such officers respectively belong,* and shall receive new commissions which shall be made out agreeable to the form lately directed by this Assembly and under the authority of this State, and for the offices they sustained by their former commissions in the respective companies to which they belong. And it shall be the duty of the colonel or commanding officer of the several regiments in this State to apply to his Honor the Governor for new commissions for all such officers within their respective regiments and receive and deliver the same to said officers upon their returning their former commissions, which shall be lodged with his Honor the Governor. And the rank of such officers shall not be affected thereby but be determined by the date of said former commissions. And his Honor the Governor is hereby impowered and desired to make out commissions for all such officers accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be a company of Rangers, of ninety men officers included, immediately raised by voluntary inlistment within this State for the defence of this and the other United States, to continue in service till the first day of January A. D. 1778. And each non-commissioned officer and soldier shall receive a bounty

*Because of the words "his Majesty's service" and other references to the King of Great Britain in the older commissions. *Rev. War*, vii, 304.

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of three pounds lawfull money, he furnishing himself with cloaths, arms, accoutrements, one blanket and knapsack, and shall receive the same pay, wages and allowances, as are allowed by Congress to the continental troops; and said company shall be subject to the rules and directions of his Honor the Governor or any other their superior officers.

And be it further resolved, That Silvanus Mead be a Captain to command said company of rangers, Silvanus Marshall be First Lieutenant, Jehiel Mead Second Lieutenant, and Jesse Hait Ensign of said company, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissions for the officers in the company of rangers ordered to be raised in this State bear date the ninth day of May instant.

Upon the subject matter of a letter from General Sylliman to his Honor the Governor, communicated to this Assembly, representing that one Mr. Wood, a surgeon's mate belonging to the enemy, had been sent to Fairfield with a design to procure leave to attend the enemies sick and wounded at Danbury, and proposing in the name of Mr. Loring, commissary of prisoners of war, an exchange to be made,

Resolved by this Assembly, That it be recommended to his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety, on consideration of the matter, to permit the said Wood to proceed in his intended business or not as to them shall seem most expedient, and to take such measures for the proposed exchange as they shall think proper and necessary to effect the same.

Resolved by this Assembly, That General Erastus Wolcott, Capt. Ephraim Pease, Capt. Dudley Wright, Doct^r John Dickinson, Mr. Asahel Holcomb, Capt. John Phelps, General James Wadsworth, Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Colo. Jonathan Fitch, Colo. Samuel Abbott, Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Capt. Robert Fairchild, Mr. Thaddeus Burr, Mr. Ebenezer Hyde jun^r, Capt. Jabez Huntington, Mr. Nathan Frink, Capt. Elisha Child, Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Major Elijah Abell, and Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. Miles Beach, be and they are hereby appointed a committee for procuring fire-arms and gun-locks, and that the same powers and authority heretofore given to a former committee be and the same is hereby revived and given to said committee for the purpose of executing the aforesaid trust; and said committee are directed to exert their utmost endeavours to effect the manufacture of good fire-arms and gun-locks; and said committee are to make report of their doings to the General Assembly in May next.

And be it further resolved, That the same premiums and encouragements shall be given to the manufacturers of fire-arms and gun-locks, under the same rules and regulations as hath been heretofore given and allowed, untill the first day of June next.

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And be it further resolved, That Mr. Elihu Clark, Maj^{r} Nathl Brown, Mr. Samuel Smith, Capt. Lemuel Stoughton, Mr. Isaac Doolittle, Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Mr. Samuel Noyes, Mr. John Raymond, Capt. Daniel Judson, Capt. Jabez Huntington, Mr. Elnathan Walker, Mr. Edmund Beach, and Capt. Mathew Gillett, be and they are hereby severally appointed Inspectors, to examine and approve of all such fire-arms and locks as shall be made within this State; and none of said arms shall be received or paid for by said committee for the use of this State or any premium allowed thereon to any manufacturer untill examination and due proof has been made of such arms by said inspector or inspectors and a proper certificate given thereof under his or their hands that the same are good, well wrought, sufficiently strong and substantial.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the non-commission officers and soldiers of the brigade of militia that lately marched to Peekskill under the command of Brigadier General Erastus Wolcott be allowed a premium of twenty shillings each; and that the commission officers in said brigade that were found to be supernumerary and greater than is allowed by a late resolve of Congress, and were dismist in consequence thereof, be paid their wages; and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to settle with them accordingly and charge the same to the continent, and that said General Wolcott take care that the pay abstracts are duly made according to the rules and orders of Congress and authenticated in proper form, and appoint some suitable person at the expence of this State to apply to General Washington for the pay of said brigade.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commanding officers of the several regiments of militia, new levies, and troop of horse that have been out the year past at the request of the General, and who have applyed to the General for pay and failed of receiving the same without any neglect or fault of theirs, exhibit their accounts of their after expence in procuring pay for their regiments &c. to the Committee of Pay-Table, who are to adjust said accounts and draw on the Treasurer for payment of what shall be found to be just and reasonable, and charge the same to the account of the continent.

On consideration of a letter from his Excellency General Washington of the seventh of April last to his Honor the Governor, and laid before this Assembly, wherein the General declines giving orders for payment of the 10th regiment of this State, on account of the great disproportion of officers to soldiers &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be desired to write a letter to his Excellency the General, stating the peculiar circumstances of that regiment and requesting of the General payment for the regiment for the officers according to the ranks in which they stood by their military commissions.

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Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that several persons, who have been employed to make fire-arms for this State for the immediate security and defence of the country and to be made use of in actual service against the enemy, have through unskilfulness or neglect made and put off and imposed on this State poor deficient arms, totally unfit for service, whereby the lives of many of our soldiery who were furnished with them have been greatly exposed and the whole country endangered: And whereas a fraud and breach of trust of this kind is attended with great aggravation and productive of the most fatal mischiefs to the public, it loudly calls for the attention of this Assembly,

Therefore, resolved, That Colo. Samuel Talcott, Colo. John Chester, and Maj^r Roger Newberry, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to inquire into all such high-handed fraud and misdemeanor, and upon reasonable suspicion thereof by information or otherwise, said committee are fully impowered to call before them any and every such gun-smith who have been employed to make arms for this State, of whom they may be informed of any misdemeanor aforesaid, and all such witnesses and evidence they think proper; and on the whole to take every proper method to discover the frauds aforesaid and the person or persons concerned therein, and thereof make report to the General Assembly of this State at this or their next sessions.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the officers and soldiers belonging to the State of Connecticut who were engaged in the continental army in the year 1776, be and they hereby are entituled to the same provision and allowance for their losses, expences &c., in the same manner and under the same regulations as has been heretofore granted and allowed in the premises in all respects to the officers and soldiers of the new levies and militia; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby directed to receive and adjust their accounts and draw orders for the same accordingly.

This Assembly taking into consideration the resolve of the Honble Continental Congress of the 26th day of August, 1776, which said resolve is in the words following:

"Whereas in the course of the present war some commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers of the army or navy, as also private soldiers, marines and seamen, may lose a limb or be otherwise so disabled as to prevent their serving in the army or navy or getting their livelihood, and may stand in need of relief,

Resolved, That every commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer and private soldier, who shall lose a limb in any engagement, or be so disabled in the service of the United States of America as to render him incapable afterwards of getting a livelihood, shall receive during his life or the continuance of such disability the one-half of his monthly pay from and after the time his pay as an officer or soldier

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ceases, to be paid by the committee as hereafter mentioned: That every commander of every ship of war or armed vessell, commissioned officer, warrant officer, marine or seaman, belonging to the United States of America, who shall lose a limb in any engagement in which no prize shall be taken, and be therein otherwise so disabled as to be rendered incapable of getting a livelihood, shall receive, during his life or the continuance of such disability, the one-half of his monthly pay from and after the time that his pay as an officer, or marine or seaman, ceases, to be paid as hereafter mentioned. But in case a prize shall be taken at the time such loss of limb or other disability shall happen, then such sum as he may receive out of the neat profits of such prize before a dividend is made of the same, agreeable to former orders of Congress, shall be considered as part of his half pay and computed accordingly: That every commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer and private soldier in the army, and every com mander, commissioned officer, warrant officer, marine or seaman, of any of the ships of war or armed vessels belonging to the United States of America, who shall be wounded in any engagement so as to be rendered incapable of serving in the army or navy, though not totally disabled from getting a livelihood, shall receive such monthly sum towards his subsistance as shall be judged adequate by the Assembly or other representative body of the State where he belongs or resides, upon application to them for that purpose, provided the same doth not exceed his half pay. Provided, that no commission officer and private soldier in the army, commander, commission officer, warrant officer, marine or seaman, of any of the ships of war or armed vessels belonging to the United States of America, who shall be wounded or disabled as aforesaid, shall be intituled to his half pay or other allowance, unless he produce to the committee or officer appointed to receive the same in the State where he resides or belongs, or to the Assembly or Legislative Body of such State, a certificate from the commanding officer, who was in the same engagement in which he was so wounded, or in case of his death from some other of ficer of the same corps, and the surgeon that attended him, or a certificate from the commander of the ship of war or armed vessell engaged in the action, in which any officer, marine or seaman, received his wound, and from the surgeon who attended him, of the name of the person so wounded, his office, rank, department, regiment, com pany, ship of war or armed vessell, to which he belonged, his office and rank therein, the nature of his wound, and in what action or engagement he received it. That it be recommended to the several Assemblies or Legislative Bodies of the United States of America, to appoint some person or persons in their respective States, who shall receive and examine all such certificates as may be presented to them, and register the same in a book, and also what support is adjudged by the Assembly or Legislative Body of their State to those whose case requires but a partial support, and also of the payment from time to time of every half pay and other allowance, and of the death of such

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disabled person, or ceasing of such allowance, and shall make a fair and regular report of the same quarterly to the Secretary of Congress or Board of War, where a separate record shall be kept of the same. That it be recommended to the Assemblies or Legislative Bodies of the several States, to cause payment to be made of all such half pay or other allowances as shall be adjudged due to the persons aforenamed on account of the United States: Provided that all such officers and soldiers that may be entituled to the aforesaid pension, and are found to be capable of doing of guard or garrison duty shall be formed in a corps of invalids, and subject to the said duty, and all officers, marines and seamen of the navy, who shall be entituled to the pension aforesaid, and shall be found capable of doing any duty on board of the navy, or any department thereof, shall be liable to be so employed."

Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be appointed, and they are hereby appointed and fully authorized, to receive and examine the evidence produced by such persons, being inhabitants of this State, or others who have or hereafter shall serve in any of the battalions raised in this State for the continental service and who were at the time when they received their wounds serving in any of the said battalions, and shall claim a pension by virtue of the aforesaid resolve of Congress, and to grant the same to all such who shall make proof in manner as therein is provided. And said Committee of Pay-Table are directed to preserve the evidence in all cases wherein such report shall be allowed either in part or whole of his half pay, by registering the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, and also what support shall be allowed and adjudged to such wounded and disabled person; and to make a regular report of the same quarterly to the Secretary of Congress or Board of War, all in manner as is in and by said resolve provided and directed.

And it is further resolved, That all commission officers, non-commission officers of the army or navy, as also private soldiers, marines and seamen, raised by this State and not of the continental army or navy, who have or shall be wounded in any action so as to be disabled from getting a livelihood, upon their producing certificates as is provided in the afore-recited resolve of Congress, before the Committee of Pay-Table, and being examined and found true by said committee, shall be entituled to the same pension and support as is provided by said resolve of Congress, either in part or whole of his or their half pay as the case shall appear on proof, and to be continued during his the said disability or for life as the case shall happen. And the said Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to register the same in a book together with the name of the person claiming said pension, his place of residence, the company and battalion, or ship of war or armed vessell, to which he belonged at the time of receiving his wound, and place where and time when he received

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the same, and what support hath been adjudged to him, all in manner as is provided and expressed in said resolve of Congress, and in the same cases and in no other than is therein mentioned and contained. And said Committee of Pay-Table are directed to make report of their doings, so far as relates to such persons who shall claim any support by virtue of the last paragraph of this resolve, to this Assembly from time to time.

Whereas it is found necessary and recommended by the Honble Continental Congress, that a Commissary of Prisoners of War should be appointed in the several United States, etc.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Ezekiel Williams, Esqr, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissary of Prisoners within this State, in the room of Mr. Epaphras Bull appointed by this Assembly in October last and who is now engaged and serving as a captain in the continental army, who shall take care and provide for all such prisoners of war as are now within this State, or that hereafter may be sent to and kept within the same; and that said commissary for the time being shall observe all such rules and orders as shall from time to time be made by the General Assembly, his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety, or Continental Congress, respecting such prisoners, for the due ordering, governing or providing for the same, and shall make monthly returns of the state and condition of said prisoners under his care to the Board of War appointed by said Congress.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be requested to take such measures as he shall think proper, to purchase and secure for the use of this State a quantity of lead, said to be imported in a prize taken and brought into some part of the eastward by the big *Fanny*, Capt. Whittlesey commander.

Whereas this Assembly have made and passed at their present sessions articles and regulations for preserving order, good government and discipline, among the militia and other forces of this State when called into actual service: And for the more speedy and effectual publishing the same, and that no one may plead ignorance thereof,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the said articles be immediately published in the several gazettes or news-papers in this State, and that one thousand copies of said articles be forthwith printed and one of said printed copies given to each field officer of the militia in this State and the field officers of the two battalions now ordered to be raised in this State for the defence of the sea coasts and frontiers, and also to the captains or commanding officers of the several companies in the said militia alarm list and the said two battalions. And it shall be the duty of the captains or commanding officers of the

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respective companies of alarm lists and militia rolls to cause said articles to be read at the head of their respective companies on their stated training days. And when the militia or other forces are called into actual service for the defence of this State, it shall be the duty of the colonel or commanding officer of the regiments or battalions of the said militia or other forces raised or shall hereafter be raised in this State, and the captains or commanding officers of the respective companies, to cause said articles to be read at the head of their respective regiments or companies as often as once a month during the time they shall continue in service.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety be authorized and impowered to devise some equitable rule for the distribution of such salt as hath been or shall be imported at the expence of this State to and among the inhabitants of the several towns thereof, in proportion to the number of inhabitants in each town, and to take effectual measures for distributing said salt accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the pay of the Council of Safety shall be twelve shillings *per diem* for each man's time spent in that service, and four pence per mile for travel each session, they bearing their own expences; any former resolve of the General Assembly notwithstanding.

Whereas his Excellency General Washington in his letter of the 23d day of April, 1777, to Brigr General Parsons, laid before this Assembly, has recommended that attention be paid by this State to the case of the prisoners from New York and the legal representatives of those who died during their captivity,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table receive, examine and adjust the accounts and give order for the payment of such wages as are due to any such prisoners belonging to this State or their legal representatives, from the time they were captured untill released, and a reasonable time afterwards for their return home, or untill the time of their death. And that said committee take the affidavit of each of such prisoners to his account annexed, therein setting forth the time when and place where he was captured, when released, to what regiment and company he belonged, and that he had received no pay or satisfaction from the United States for the time he was in captivity. And also, where claims shall be made by any legal representatives of such deceas'd prisoners, said committee shall take the affidavit of such representative to his account annexed, therein setting forth the time when and place where said deceas'd prisoner was taken, to what regiment and company he belonged, and the time of his death according to the best information he had obtained, and that he had received no pay or satisfaction from the United States for the wages which became due

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to said deceas'd prisoner between the day he was captured and the time of his death.

And be it further resolved, That said committee on the settlement of such accounts shall make out a duplicate thereof and transmit the original to General Washington, in order to procure reimbursement of the same.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be desired to write by an express to the Honble Representatives of this State now at the Continental Congress, requesting them to procure all such evidence as may be collected from Colo. Dewer or any other quarter, respecting any secret plots and conspiracies that may be in this State against this or any of the United States, either by receiving of protections from Lord or General Howe, or any other person, or being aiding or assisting in the distribution of such protections in any other way, or any plot or conspiracy whatsoever; and that they transmit to this Assembly or to his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety a particular account thereof by said express, or as soon as may be.

On the representation of Brig^{r} General Silliman, shewing to this Assembly that a flag of truce has lately arrived at Norwalk by permission from Admiral Howe, commander of the fleet of our enemies off New York, under protection of which Daniel Ketcham and Andrew Bennett, two inhabitants of and owing allegiance to this and the United States, who had sometime since deserted and gone over to, and taken part with the enemy against their country, are come to said Norwalk, in order to convey from said town and Fairfield the family and effects of Benjamin Jarviss, Samuel Hitchcock, James Ketchum and Nath^{ll} Williams, who had also deserted their country and gone over to the enemy; and said Brig^{r} General Silliman having before signifyed to the enemy that they ought to desist from sending persons of that character to any part of this State under protection of a flag; and said General Sylliman praying for direction how to proceed with said deserters now in his custody &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That on consideration of the uncertainty whether General Silliman's letter disapproving the enemy's sending a flag by such persons who have deserted their country and its cause and gone from this State to join the army of our enemy, was received before this flag was sent, that said General Silliman is therefore to permit the said Daniel and others to return in the flag.

And whereas this Assembly judge it inconsistent with the honor of the law and the rules and customs of contending powers and unsafe to permit such deserters to pass and repass under the protection of flags of truce, do therefore further resolve and order, That Brig. General Silliman do publish and make known, by the return of said flag or in the best and most effectual way, that for the future no such deserters or absconding persons shall be permitted to come into this State

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under colour or protection of a flag of truce, on the pains and penalties of being detained and dealt with according to the laws of this State.

And it is further resolved, That the families of the persons applied for shall not be permitted to go over to their friends within the enemies lines unless an equal number who have been captured by the enemy of our inhabitants not under arms and carried off be returned in exchange, and in that case that no property except necessary cloathing be supplied to be carried with them, and no male person capable of bearing arms shall be permitted to go; and said General Silliman is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the matter accordingly.

And it is further resolved, That this instance be not considered as a rule of conduct in like cases for the future, least the enemy be encouraged to make their inhuman incursions into the country, captivate and carry away families and persons not under arms, contrary to the custom and usage of all civilized nations.

Whereas this Assembly directed the Pay-Table to draw on the Treasurer for wages due to the officers and prisoners at New York to be paid in hard money, and to enable the Treasurer to answer said draft, in case sufficiency of hard money is not in the treasury: Resolved and ordered, that the Treasurer procure the sum of four hundred pounds hard money, and give his obligation in behalf of this State for the repayment thereof with lawfull interest, for the purpose aforesaid.

An Act to exempt the Bodies of Non-commission Officers and Soldiers belonging to the Continental Army from Arrests or Imprisonment on Account of Debt.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the bodies of all non-commission officers and soldiers belonging to the continental army shall be exempted from arrests and imprisonment for or on account of any debts originally due by contract from them, and that all such non-commission officers and soldiers as are now holden in execution for any such debt be forthwith released from confinement: Provided however, that the estates of such non-commission officers and soldiers as shall be discharged from confinement by virtue of this act shall still be liable to be taken by virtue of the same execution by which they were confined, and sold and disposed of to satisfy such execution accordingly, and that their bodies after they shall be discharged from said army, in case the execution by which they were confined previous to the making this act are then unsatisfyed, shall be liable to be taken and imprisoned by force of said execution.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that sundry atrocious acts of robbery and theft have lately been committed and done in

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some of the western parts of this State by some of the inhabitants belonging to the same, whereby the people who have been the unhappy sufferers are greatly hurt and distressed,

It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, That the several attorneys for this State in the respective counties within the same forthwith do exert themselves with the utmost attention and vigilance, to enquire into and prosecute for all such breaches of law supposed to be done within this State. And all grand-jurymen, and other informing officers, are hereby ordered and directed to pursue with great care and diligence all lawfull measures to recover for the proper owners all such goods stolen as aforesaid, and discover the authors of such mischief, and to institute and pursue every legal prosecution that may be necessary and proper as the case may require, that so the good and wholesome laws of this State in such cases made and provided be carried into due execution, offenders brought to condign punishment, all the people of this State protected in their rights, liberties and privileges, and such mischief prevented for the future. And that a copy of this resolve be transmitted to said attorneys and also to the selectmen of the respective towns in this State, who are hereby directed to use their greatest influence that the duties required and referred to in this resolve be performed accordingly. And the judges of the superior and county courts in this State are hereby directed forthwith to convene such respective court or courts in a sessions specially appointed for the purpose of carrying this resolve into proper execution when occasion shall so require.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Mathew Griswold, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport and William Williams, Esq^rs^, Messrs. Titus Hosmer,* Benjamin Payne, General James Wadsworth, Benjamin Huntington, William Hillhouse, Thadeus Burr, Nathaniel Wales jun^r^, Daniel Sherman, and Andrew Adams, to be a Council or Committee of Safety, to assist his Honor the Governor when the Assembly is not sitting, with full power and authority to order and direct the militia and navy of this State and the marches and stations of the troops that have been or shall be inlisted and assembled for the special defence of this or the neighbouring States, or any part or parts thereof, as they shall judge necessary, and to give all necessary orders from time to time for furnishing and supplying said militia, troops and navy, in every respect and to every purpose that may be needfull to render the defence of these States effectual; with full power and authority to fulfill and execute every trust already reposed or that shall be reposed by this Assembly in his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety aforesaid. And this Assembly do expect and desire his Honor the Governor to notify and

* October 29th, 1777, Mr. Hosmer presented his resignation, which was accepted. *Rev. War*, viii, 29.

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convene the whole of said Council on all important occasions and business which may be before them; but when the necessity and safety of the publick may require greater dispatch than can consist with the notice and attendance of the whole, and on smaller matters, his Honor the Governor at his discretion may convene a smaller number, not less than five to be a quorum, to act with him in the matters and business as aforesaid.

Whereas sundry of the inhabitants of this State, some from ill advice, others from inadvertence and mistaken apprehensions, have absconded and put themselves under the protection of the enemies of this and the other States of America, but are now supposed to be convinced of their error, and would probably return to their duty had they assurance of protection &c.

It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor of this State be and he is hereby desired to issue a proclamation assuring pardon of all treason or misprision of treason heretofore done relative to joining the enemy as aforesaid, to all such of said inhabitants so absconded as aforesaid as shall at or before the first day of August next ensuing appear in this State before an assistant or justice of the peace and take a proper oath of allegiance to be true and faithfull to this State, and shall declare that they break off and discard all connections with the enemy, and that they will yield true and faithfull obedience to the laws of this State: That each of said inhabitants so conforming shall be indemnifyed and freed from any prosecution for any act by him or them heretofore done relative to aiding, joining or assisting the enemies of this State. and that every such person so long as they continue so to conform and behave shall be protected in their rights and liberties in common with the other inhabitants of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Roger Enos, Esqr, to be Colonel of one of the battalions to be raised for the defence of this State till the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint Peter Curtiss, Abel Pettibone, Elijah Robinson and James Smith, to be Captains in the battalions to be raised till the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Stevens, Jonathan Roberts, Eliphalet Chamberlin, Edward Payne and Nathaniel West, to be First Lieutenants in the battalions to be raised till the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Smith, Ephraim Taylor, Abner Granger, Noah Dickinson and Nathaniel Churchill, to be Second Lieutenants in the battalions to be raised till the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Holcomb, Joshua Gates jun^{r},

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Samuel Akins and John Franciss, to be Ensigns in the battalions to be raised for this State till the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint James Arnold, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of one of the battalions now to be raised for the defence of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Nathaniel Bunnell, Augustus Collins, to be Captains in one of the battalions to be raised for the defence of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Abner* Bradley to be First Lieutenant in one of the battalions to be raised for the defence of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Amaziah Baldwin and Jabez Pritchard to be Second Lieutenants in the battalions to be raised for the defence of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Levi Gaylord and David Scranton to be Ensigns in the battalions to be raised for the defence of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Seth Smith, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel in the two battalions now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Rogers, Abraham Bradley and Reuben Bostwick, to be Captains in the two battalions now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Noah Judson and Roger Moore to be First Lieutenants in the two battalions now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Miller and Stephen Dodge to be Second Lieutenants in the two battalions now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint David Rusco, Ezekiel Lewiss and Israel Williams, to be Ensigns in the two battalions now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint John Ely, Esqr, to be Colonel of one of the battalions now to be raised for the service of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Palmer and Josiah Baldwin to be Captains in the two battalions now to be raised for the service of this State.

This Assembly do appoint John Shipman, Esqr, and Solomon Story to be First Lieutenants in the two battalions now to be raised for the defence of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Chapman and Joseph Chapman to be Second Lieutenants in the two battalions now to be raised for the defence of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Clement Minor and John Griswold to be Ensigns in the two battalions now to be raised for the defence of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Major Elias Buell to be Major of one of the battalions now to be raised for the service of this State.

This Assembly do appoint James Dana of Mansfield, John Kyes

* Aner in original. *Rev. War*, vii, 17.

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of Ashford, and Ebenezer Mosely of Windham, to be Captains in the two battalions now to be raised for the service of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer West of Lebanon, Josiah Cleaveland of Canterbury, and Asa Lyon of Woodstock, to be First Lieutenants in the two battalions now to be raised for the service of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Hale of Coventry, Joshua Bottom of Plainfield, and Lemuel Grosvenor of Pomfret, to be Second Lieutenants in the two battalions now to be raised for the service of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Converse of Killingly, John Wylie of Voluntown, and Jabez Clark of Lebanon, to be Ensigns of the two battalions now to be raised for the service of this State.

This Assembly do appoint John Davenport jun^{r} to be Major in the two battalions now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Jesse Bell and Stephen Thorp to be Captains in the two battalions now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Caleb Church and Solomon Booth to be First Lieutenants in the two battalions now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Ezra Benedict and Bille Trowbridge to be Second Lieutenants in the two battalions now to be raised in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Job Smith jun^{r} and Martin Warner to be Ensigns in the two battalions now to be raised in this State.*

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* The arrangement of officers of the two battalions, in the handwriting of Governor Trumbull, is in *Rev. War*, vii, 33, 34, dated 10th June, 1777.

First Battalion: Roger Enos, Esqr, Colo., Seth Smith, Esqr, Lt. Colo., John Davenport jun^{r}, Esqr, Major.

Edward Rogers, Cornwall, Capt.; Roger Moor, Salisbury, Lt.; Jabez Pritchard, Derby, 2d Lt.; David Rusco, Sharon, Ens.

Abel Pettibone, Simsbury, Capt.; Thomas Stevens, Glassenbury, Lt.; Abner Granger, Suffield, 2d Lt.; Benja. Holcomb, Simsbury, Ens.

Abr^{m} Bradley, Litchfield, Capt.; John Prudden, Milford, Lt.; Eben^{r} Miller, Torrington, 2d Lt.; Israel Williams, Hartland, Ens.

Reuben Bostwick, N. Milford, Capt.; Noah Judson, Woodbury, Lt.; Stephen Dodge, Kent, 2d Lt.; Ezek^{l} Lewis, Woodbury, Ens.

Nath^{ll} Bunnell, Wallingford, Capt.; Aner Bradley, N. Haven, Lt.; Amaziah Baldwin, Branford, 2d Lt.; John Francis, Wethersfield, Ens.

Jesse Bell, Stamford, Capt.; Caleb Church, Danbury, Lt.; Bille Trobridge, N. Fairfield, 2d Lt.; Job Smith jun^{r}, Ridgfield, Ens.

Peter Curtiss, Farmington. Capt.; Jonth Roberts, Hartford, Lt.; Nath^{ll} Churchell, Farmington, 2d Lt.; Levi Gaylord, Waterbury, Ens.

Stephen Thorp, Fairfield, Capt.; Solomon Booth, Stratford, Lt.; Ezra Benedict, Norwalk, 2d Lt.; Martin Warner, Ens.

Second Battalion: John Ely, Esqr, Colo.; James Arnold, Esqr, Lt. Colo., Elias Buell, Esqr, Major.

James Dana, Mansfield, Capt.; Eben^{r} West, Lebanon, Lt.; Joseph Hale, Coventry, 2d Lt.; Jabez Clark, Lebanon, Ens.

John Keyes, Ashford, Capt ; Asa Lyon, Woodstock, Lt.; Lemuel Grosvenor, Pomfret, 2d Lt.; Benj. Converse, Killingly, Ens.

Elijah Robinson, Stafford, Capt.; Nathl West, Tolland, Lt.; Noah Dickinson, Somers, 2d Lt.; Saml Atkins, Chatham, Ens.

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This Assembly do appoint the Honble Jabez Huntington, Esqr, to be one of the Council of Safety for the year ensuing.

Whereas Lieut. Colonel Selah Hart of Farmington hath preferred his memorial to this Assembly, for himself and about thirty-eight other continental officers captivated by the enemies of the United States of America and confined by them on Long Island, shewing to this Assembly that said officers and their families are reduced to great distress by means of said officers being held in captivity, the most of them ever since the 15th of September last, since which they have received no wages or allowances from the United States or either of them, and that they have spent all their money, are considerably in debt, and have no means of subsistence; that they are unable to procure hard money; that paper money or bills will not pay them; praying for relief &c., as per memorial and a list of said officers' names lodged in the files of this Assembly appears.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to adjust and settle said officers' accounts, when produced to them, and to allow to them, the same wages since their captivity as was allowed to officers of their rank in the continental army at the time they were captured; and that the committee pay to them, or to said Selah Hart for their use, the ballance due to each of said officers or such part thereof as on consideration of their case may appear necessary for their relief: Provided such evidence shall be produced as shall satisfy said committee that said officers have not received their wages already. And said committee are directed, if possible, to make said payment, or considerable part thereof, in hard money, and for that purpose to draw on the Treasurer of this State for the same or bills of credit to exchange for the same, and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly; and said committee are to charge the sum so paid to the United States and transmit an account thereof to General Washington with the names and offices of the persons to whom or for whom the same is paid, and the battalion and company to which they belonged, as soon as they can ascertain the same, and request the General to give orders that said sum may be ordered and paid to the Treasurer of this State for the use of this State.*

Ebenezer Moseley, Windham, Capt.; Josiah Cleveland, Canterbury, Lt.; Joshua Bottom, Plainfield, 2d Lt.; Jno. Wiley, Voluntown, Ens.

Nathan Palmer jun., Stonington, Capt.; John Shipman, Saybrook, Lt.; Richard Chapman, N. London, 2d Lt.; John Griswold, Lyme, Ens.

Josiah Baldwin, Killingworth, Capt.; Solomon Story, Preston, Lt.; Joseph Chapman, Norwich, 2d Lt.; Clement Minor, Stonington, Ens.

James Smith, Haddam, Capt.; Edward Payn, Bolton, Lt.; Samuel Smith, East Winsor, 2d Lt.; Joshua Gates jun., E. Haddam, Ens.

Augustus Collins, Guilford, Capt.; Eliph^t Chamberlin, Colchester, Lt.; Ephraim Taylor, Hebron, 2d Lt.; David Scranton, Durham, Ens.

* Receipts for money received through Col. Selah Heart from the following captive officers are found in *Rev. War*, xii, 130–181.

Col. Ethan Allen, Ens. Eli Barnum, Capt. Bezaleel Beebe, Capt. Noble Benedict,

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Resolved by this Assembly, That a bounty or premium of one shilling per pound be paid out of the public treasury of this State for all saltpetre that shall be manufactured according to the laws already provided for manufacturing saltpetre and nitre, from the first day of June next and before the first day of January next.

This Assembly do appoint Messrs. John Chenevard and James Church to be of the Committee of Pay-Table.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby impowered to appoint one or two clerks as they shall find necessary in said office.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the militia of this State, both officers and soldiers, when ordered into service for the future shall be entituled to the same pay, rations and other allowances, as is or shall be from time to time allowed by Congress to the continental troops of equal rank, and that the Committee of the Pay-Table be impowered and directed to examine and settle the pay-rolls accordingly: Provided that said militia be not allowed pay for more than a reasonable time after orders received before they march, not exceeding in any instance more than four days.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Wait Goodrich, Doct^r Eneas Munson, Mr. Constant Southworth and Colo. Joshua Porter, Inspectors of Gun-powder manufactured within this State for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Constant Southworth, Doct^r Eneas Munson, Colo. Joshua Porter and Mr. Wait Goodrich to be Reinspectors of Saltpetre at the powder-mills in this State for the year ensuing.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the committee appointed to purchase fire-arms for the use of this State settle their accounts with the Committee of Pay-Table, who are directed to make them a reasonable allowance for their care and trouble in the affair; and the committee for the purchasing fire-arms are also to deliver the Committee of Pay-

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Capt. Ozias Bissell, Lt. John Blackleach, Ens. Anthony Bradford, Ens. Robert Bradford, Lt. Joshua Brainerd, Lt. Benja. Brewster, Adjt. James Clark, Lt. Wm. Cleveland, Lt. Jesse Cooke, Capt. John Couch, Lt. Nath'l Edwards, Ens. J. Beard Eells, Lt. Thos. Fanning, Lt. Jabez Fitch, Ens. Th. Updike Fosdick, Lt. Jonath. Gillet, Lt. Nath'l Gove, Lt. Jesse Grant, Ens. Thos. Hender, Lt. Col. Thos. Hobby, Capt. Joseph Hull, Capt. Sam'l Keeler, Ens. Dan'l Knolton, Ens. Elihu Lyman, Lt. Solomon Orcutt, Capt. Timo. Percival, Capt. Peter Perit, Capt. Elijah Smith, W. Mr. Enos Smith, Qr. Mr. Benj. Storrs, Lt. Thos. Tanner, Ens. Timo. Taylor. Capt. Caleb Trowbridge, Lt. John Trowbridge, Maj. Levi Wells, Capt. Samuel Welles.

And the following privates are named, *Id.*, doc. 183.

Sereno Baker, Jno. Bancroft, Simeon Barns, Dan'l Benjamin, J. Betsey, Dan'l Bouton, Sam'l Camp, Sam'l Emmons, Levi French, Sam'l Husted, Wm. Mears, Wm. Spurr, S. Williams, J. Winston.

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Table an account of the number of the arms purchased, and where those arms lodged or how disposed of; which accounts the Committee of Pay-Table are as soon as may be [to] lay before the General Assembly, that a just and equal distribution thereof may be made to the several towns in this State.

Upon the representation of Messrs. Benjamin Henshaw and William Whiting, managers of the cannon foundery at Salisbury, shewing that the workmen employed in carrying on the business of said foundery are liable to be drafted for the army, and that a number of them have already been drafted, that the workmen discover great uneasiness at their being thus liable to draught and fines, think it reasonable they should be exempted therefrom so long as they are engaged in the business aforesaid, conceiving that their respective services will conduce more to forward the warlike operations of this State in that capacity than in any other, and suggesting it as their opinion that it is requisite a sufficient number of men to do the necessary business of said foundery be exempted from such draughts and fines as aforesaid; and upon the report of the committee on said recommendation,

Resolved by this Assembly, That a number of the principal men necessarily employed in said business, not exceeding fifty in the whole, for the time they are so employed be exempted and discharged from all past or future draughts and fines for filling up the army, or for actual service in the militia during the time they continue in the service at said furnace, and that it be left at the discretion of said managers to determine who shall then be exempted, which they are hereby directed immediately to do and give information thereof to the commanding officers of the companies to which they respectively belong, if within this State.

On report of the committee appointed by this Assembly to take into consideration the subject matter of the memorial of Nath[l] Jones, Simon Tuttle, Joel Tuttle, Nathaniel Mathews, John Mathews, Riverius Carrington, Lemuel Carrington, Zerubbabel Jerom jun[r], Chauncey Jerom, Ezra Dormer, Nehemiah Royce, Abel Royce, George Beckwith, Abel Frisbee, Levi Frisbey, Jared Peck, and Abraham Waters, all of Farmington, shewing that they are imprisoned on suspicion of their being inimical to America; that they are ready and willing to join with their country and to do their utmost for its defence; and praying to be examined and set at liberty, as per said memorial on file, reporting that the said committee caused the authority &c. of Farmington to be duly notifyed, that they convened the memorialists before them at the house of Mr. David Bull on the 22[d] of instant May and examined them separately touching their unfriendliness to the American States, and heard the evidences produced by the parties; that they found said persons were committed for being highly inimical to the United States, and for refusing to assist in the defence of

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the country; that on examination it appeared they had been much under the influence of one Nichols,* a designing church clergyman who had instilled into them principles opposite to the good of the States; that under the influence of such principles they had pursued a course of conduct tending to the ruin of the country and highly displeasing to those who are friends to the freedom and independence of the United States; that under various pretences they had refused to go in the expedition to Danbury; that said Nathaniel Jones and Simon Tuttle have as they suppose each of them a son gone over to the enemy; that there was, however, no particular positive fact that sufficiently appeared to have been committed by them of an atrocious nature against the States, and that they were indeed grossly ignorant of the true grounds of the present war with Great Britain; that they appeared to be penitent of their former conduct, professed themselves convinced since the Danbury alarm that there was no such thing as remaining neuters; that the destruction made there by the tories was matter of conviction to them; that since their imprisonment upon serious reflexion they are convinced that the States are right in their claim, and that it is their duty to submit to their authority, and that they will to the utmost of their power defend the country against the British army; and that the said committee think it advisable that the said persons be liberated from their imprisonment on their taking an oath of fidelity to the United States: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said persons be liberated from their said imprisonment on their taking an oath of fidelity to this State and paying costs, taxed at £22 7 10; and the keeper of the goal in Hartford is hereby directed to liberate said persons accordingly.

Whereas this Assembly have received information that frequent incursions have been made by the enemy into the town of Greenwich and parts adjacent, and have taken cattle from the inhabitants in that quarter, and it is not in the power of this Assembly to give them immediate relief: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Honor the Governor be desired to request General Parsons to order four hundred of the continental troops raised in this State to be detained for the present in the town of Greenwich and parts adjacent, for the defence of said inhabitants.

Whereas there are several complaints exhibited to this Assembly against a number of military companies and military officers belonging to this State: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Nathaniel Terry, Colo. Isaac Lee and Colo. John Chester be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine into the conduct of the several military officers and military companies in the county of Hartford against whom complaints have been laid in to this Assembly, and report make of what they find and do to this or some future Assembly.

* Rev. James Nichols.

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Whereas there are several complaints exhibited to this Assembly against a number of military companies and a number of military officers belonging to this State: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Joshua Porter, Capt. Edward Rogers, and Captain John Watson, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine into the conduct of the several military officers or military companies in the county of Litchfield against whom complaints have been laid in to this Assembly, and report make of what they find and do to this or some future Assembly.

Whereas there are several complaints exhibited to this Assembly against a number of military companies and a number of military officers belonging to this State: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Nehemiah Beardslee, Colo. Thomas Fitch and Maj^r Elijah Abel, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine into the conduct of the several military officers and military companies in the county of Fairfield against whom complaints have been laid in to this Assembly, and report make of what they find and do to this or some future Assembly.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that a number of persons have procured themselves to be inoculated with the small pox and are placed in the house of Capt. Stephen Thorp at the Mill River, so called, opposite to Saco Hill in Fairfield, near one of the guard houses, to the interruption of the guards and defence of that town: Resolved by this Assembly, that the civil authority and selectmen in Fairfield be and they are hereby directed and ordered forthwith to remove the said infected persons, or cause them to be removed, to some place of safety for said disorder and the more northern parts of said town, and that they cause said house to be cleansed of said infection without delay, and that the expence thereof be borne by said infected persons, their parents, guardians &c.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Hezekiah Wadsworth to be one of a committee heretofore appointed by this Assembly to make sale of the common and undivided land belonging to the Tunxis Tribe of Indians situate in Farmington, in the room of Colo. John Strong deceas'd.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the block-house lately burnt over Newgate Prison be with all convenient speed rebuilt on the foundation whereon said former block-house was erected, and that the same be made and constructed as near as may be like the said former block-house, and that in some suitable place near to said block-house there be built a dwelling-house thirty feet in length and eighteen feet in width, one story high, two rooms on the floor, and the chimney to be built on one side of said house in such manner as to diminish as

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little of the rooms as may conveniently be, and that said house be a framed house and built with materials as usual for the accommodation of the goaler and his family, and that the overseers of said prison be appointed to procure the said buildings to be erected, and that said overseers do as soon as may be prepare said prison for the reception of such persons as shall be ordered to be confined there.

This Assembly do appoint Amaziah Branch of Preston Surveyor of Lands for the county of New London.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Crane to be Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of Litchfield.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the return made by Lieuten^t Elias Sanford Palmer, of the sixth military company of Stonington in the eighth regiment, respecting the choice of commission officers in said company, be set aside and the same is hereby set aside accordingly, and that said company be led to a new choice of commission officers under the superintendency of some one of the field officers of said regiment, and that a return thereof be made to this Assembly, or in the recess thereof to his Honor the Governor and his Council of Safety, who on return thereof are requested to commission them accordingly.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Jabez Huntington, Esqr, to be First Major General over the whole militia of this State, in the room of Major General Wooster deceas'd.

This Assembly do appoint Brigadier General James Wadsworth, Esqr, to be Second Major General over the whole militia of this State, in the room of Maj^r General Huntington advanced to be first major general over said militia.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. John Tyler to be Brigadier General of the third brigade of militia in this State, in the room of Brig. General Saltonstall resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. Andrew Ward jun^r, to be Brigadier General of the second brigade of militia in this State, instead of Brig. General James Wadsworth promoted to be second major general of said militia.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. John Douglas to be Brigadier General of the fifth brigade of militia in this State, in the room of Brig^r. General Dyer resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Roger Newberry, Esqr, Colonel of the first regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Samuel Wyllys, Esqr, appointed a colonel in the continental service.

This Assembly do appoint Hezekiah Wyllys, Esqr, Lieutenant Colonel of the first regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Thomas Seymour, Esqr, appointed lieutenant colonel of light-horse in this State.

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This Assembly do appoint Elihu Kent, Esqr, Major of the first regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Roger Newberry, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hill, Esqr, to be Major of the third regiment of horse within this State.

This Assembly do appoint Maj^{r} Jonathan Dimon to be Lieutenant Colonel in the fourth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Lieut. Colo. Gould deceas'd.

This Assembly do appoint Elijah Abel, Esqr, to be Major in the fourth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Maj^{r} Jonath^{n} Dimon promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Howell Woodbridge, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the sixth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of John Chester, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Jonathan Wells of Glastonbury to be Major of the sixth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Howell Woodbridge, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint William Worthington, Esqr, of Saybrook, Colonel of the seventh regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Andrew Ward jun^{r}, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Silvanus Grave, Esqr, of Killingworth, Lieutenant Colonel of the 7th regiment of militia, in the room of William Worthington, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Tyler, Esqr, of Haddam, Major of the seventh regiment of militia, in the room of Sylvanus Graves, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Smith, Esqr, to be Colonel of the eighth regiment of militia in this State, instead of Colo. John Tyler promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Gallop, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the eighth regiment of militia within this State, instead of Oliver Smith, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Tyler, Esqr, to be Major of the eighth regiment of militia in this State, instead of Nathan Gallop, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Lieut. Colonel John Mead to be Colonel of the ninth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Colo. Charles Webb in the continental army.

This Assembly do appoint Maj^{r} Stephen St. John jun^{r} to be Lieutenant Colonel in the ninth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Lieut. Colonel John Mead promoted.

This Assembly do appoint John Davenport jun^{r}, Esqr, to be Major in the ninth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Maj^{r} Stephen St. John jr. promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Phineas Porter, Esqr, to be Major of the tenth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Maj^{r} Reuben Atwater resigned.

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This Assembly do appoint Nehemiah Beardsley, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the sixteenth regiment of militia in the State of Connecticut, in the room of Lieut. Colonel John Chandler, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Eli Maggot, Esqr, to be Major of the sixteenth regiment of militia in the State of Connecticut, in the room of Maj^{r} Nehemiah Beardsley, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Epaphras Sheldon, Esqr, to be Colonel of the 17th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of the Honble Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Medad Hills, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 17th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Epaphras Sheldon, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Andrew Adams, Esqr, to be Major of the 17th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Medad Hills, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Wells the second, of Hartford, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the nineteenth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Nathaniel Terry, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Lemuel Stoughton, Esqr, to be Major of the nineteenth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Major Jonathan Wells promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Abbott, Esqr, to be Colonel of the twentieth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Colo. Jedidiah Huntington promoted to be a brigadier in the continental army.

This Assembly do appoint Zabdiel Rogers, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 20th regiment of militia, in the room of Lieut. Colonel Samuel Abbott promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Joshua Huntington to be Major of the 20th regiment of militia, in the room of Maj^{r} Zabdiel Rogers promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Lieut. Colo. Obadiah Johnson to be Colonel of the twenty-first regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Colo. John Douglas promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Maj^{r} James Gordon to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 21st regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Lieut. Colonel Obadiah Johnson promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Andrew Backus to be Major of the 21st regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Maj^{r} James Gordon promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Lt. Colo. Nathan Denison, Esqr, to be Colonel of the 24th regiment of foot in this State, in the place of Colo. Zebulon Butler, Esqr, now in service in the continental army.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Lazarus Stewart to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 24th regiment of foot in this State, in the place of Colo. Nathan Denison advanced.

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This Assembly do appoint Lieut. George Dorrance to be Major of the 24th regiment of foot in this State, in the place of Maj^r William Judd, Esqr, now in the continental army.

This Assembly do appoint Lieut. Colo. Dyar Throop, Esqr, to be Colonel of the 25th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Colo. Henry Champion, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Major Jabez Chapman, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 25th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Lieut. Colo. Dyar Throop promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Elias Worthington, Esqr, to be Major of the 25th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Major Jabez Chapman, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do establish Augustus Fitch to be Quarter-Master of the third troop of horse in the fourth regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Agur Curtiss to be Captain of a company of light-horse in the fifth regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Martin to be Cornet of a troop of light-horse in the 5th regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaiah Gilbert to be Quarter Master of a troop of light-horse in the 5th regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Pomeroy to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Suffield, in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Granger to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Suffield, in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jehiel Bryan to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Clark to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Fletcher Prudden to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Selden to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint David Nichols to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Solomon Booth to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Ephraim Sterling to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Peter Curtiss to be Captain of a company or trainband in New Stratford in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint David Wells to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband in New Stratford in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Enoch Lewiss to be Ensign of a company or trainband in New Stratford in the 4th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do appoint Seth Silliman to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Andrew Wakeman to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Eleazer Osborn to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Hill to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lewis Goodsell to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Banks to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Prince Aspenwall to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eleazer Warner to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asa Eaton to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eliphas Hunt to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Sumner to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Kendall to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Barrows to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Whitmore to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Cornelius Storrs to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Chaffee jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dan Collins to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dan Platt to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Dady to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Weed jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Justus Weed to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Silvanus Knapp to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Weed 3^{d} to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Weed to be Ensign of the 5th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish John Carter to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Weed to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Charles Smith to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benja. Brush to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Danl Smith to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Miles Hall to be Captain of the 5th company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Weld to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Griggs to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Chandler to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Morriss to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Richard Peabody to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Edmund Chamberlain to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Adams to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Kimball to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asa Pike to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Simon Abel to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Ferrand to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Mosely to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Foot junr to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Noble Hine to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Bostwick to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Murwin to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Martin Curtiss to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gershom Hewett to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Ephraim Marrinir to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Parsons to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Barns to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Phelps to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Knowles Sears to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Gates to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Henry Whitney to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peter Penfield to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Beardsley to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Bille Trowbridge to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Olmsted to be Lieutenant of the 2d company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Job Smith 2d to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Stone to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Wright to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Wright to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Smith to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Miles Norton to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Norton to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Bryant Stoddard to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Job Case to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Farnham to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Noah Kellogg to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Goodwin to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Kellogg to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Thomas Bidwell to be Captain of the 7th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Goodwin to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Doolittle to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Curtiss to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Richard Case to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Moses to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Rockwell to be Captain of the 16th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Pelatiah Mills to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Carew to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Huntington to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Pride to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Clark to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Bottom to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Clark to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Campbell to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Edmond to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Dow to be Ensign of the 3d company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Robins to be Captain of the 7th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peleg Randell to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Wylie 3d to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Edgerton to be Ensign of the 1st company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Day to be Captain of the 7th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Jewit to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benoni Shepard to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Samuel Porter to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Blanchard to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Keyes to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Shays to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asaph Whittlesey to be Captain of the 3d company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Gaylord to be Lieutenant of the 3d company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William White to be Ensign of the 3d company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Roswell Franklin to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Titus Hinman to be Ensign of the 5th company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Brainard Spencer to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Ackley jun^{r} to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Chapman to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Brainard to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Zechariah Hungerford to be Captain of the 9th company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Robert Hungerford 2^{d} to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Willey to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Hemsted jun^{r} to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 3d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Douglas to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 3d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Japhet Mason to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 3d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Howard to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Terrill to be Captain of the 7th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel White to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Hendee to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Abraham Camp to be Ensign of the alarm list company in Sharon in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Swift to be Captain of the 1st alarm list company in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Bedlock to be Lieutenant of the 1st alarm list company in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lebbeus Tubbs to be Ensign of the 1st alarm list company in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Hooker Smith to be Captain of the 2d alarm list company in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Flavius Waterman to be Lieutenant of the 2d alarm list company in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Blackman to be Ensign of the 2d alarm list company in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish George Palmer to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Babcock 2d to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Converse to be Captain of the 9th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Alden to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Noah Chapin jun^r to be Cornet of the fifth troop of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hope Lathrop to be Quarter Master of the 5th troop of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Griswold to be Cornet of the first troop of horse in the first regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Marsh to be Quarter Master of the first troop of horse in the first regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Raymond Sanford to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Kelcey to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elias Sterns to be Ensign of the 5th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Payne Converse jun^r to be Captain of the 7th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asa Nichols jun^r to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Dresser jun^r to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Dauchee to be Lieutenant of the 3d company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Luke Camp to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Giles Meigs to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lamberton Cooper to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Clark to be Captain of the 5th company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Wetmore to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Israel Jones to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Case to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Kingsbury to be Lieutenant of a troop of horse in the fifth regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonas Lawrence to be Cornet of a troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Lee to be Quarter Master of a troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Barnabas Hinsdale to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Hartford in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Zebulon Seymour to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the town of Hartford in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Webb to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Absalom Williams to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Gilbert to be Captain of the 7th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Hall to be Captain of the first company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Andruss to be Lieutenant of of the 1st company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Dudley to be Ensign of the first company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Stanley to be Captain of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Cook to be Lieutenant of the second company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Curlier to be Ensign of the second company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Charles Norton to be Captain of the third company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Fowler to be Lieutenant of the third company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Joseph Smith to be Ensign of the third company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dan Collins to be Captain of the fifth company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Hough to be Lieutenant of the fifth company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Brinton Hall to be Ensign of the fifth company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Thrall to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Booth to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Noah Barber to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Bissell to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Todd jun^r to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Allen jun^r to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Seely to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Lacey to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Clark to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonah Newton to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Uriah Raymond to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Crowley to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Seymour to be Captain of the alarm list company in Northbury parish in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Sanford to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company in Northbury parish in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Parker to be Ensign of the alarm list company in Northbury parish in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Terrill to be Captain of the alarm list company in Salem parish in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Hopkins jun^r to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company in Salem parish in the 10th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Hine to be Ensign of the alarm list company in Salem parish in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Bunnell to be Captain of the alarm list north company in the parish of New Cheshire in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Moss to be Lieutenant of the alarm list north company in the parish of New Cheshire in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Benham to be Ensign of the alarm list north company in the parish of New Cheshire in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ambrose Hine to be Captain of the alarm list south company in the parish of New Cheshire in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Hitchcock to be Lieutenant of the alarm list south company in the parish of New Cheshire in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amasa Hitchcock to be Ensign of the alarm list south company in the parish of New Cheshire in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Smith to be Captain of the second company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Towsey to be Lieutenant of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Shadrach Osborn to be Ensign of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Mitchell to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Elmore to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Wood to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph King to be Ensign of the company of light infantry in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Bull to be Captain of a military company constituted in October, 1771, and named the Governor's Guard.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Hazzen to be Lieutenant of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Calhoun to be Ensign of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Bates to be Ensign of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Adonijah Burr to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eliezer Cotton to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Comfort Hoyt to be Captain of the alarm list company within the limits of the first company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Benedict to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company within the limits of the first company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Wildman to be Ensign of the alarm list company within the limits of the first company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Hine to be Captain of the alarm list company within the limits of the 2d company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Hoyt to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company within the limits of the 2d company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Scott to be Ensign of the alarm list company within the limits of the 2d company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Boughton to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company within the limits of the 4th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Richard Barnum to be Ensign of the alarm list company within the limits of the 4th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonah Foster to be Captain of the alarm list company within the limits of the 8th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaiah Burchard to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company within the limits of the 8th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Cooley to be Ensign of the alarm list company within the limits of the 8th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Starr to be Captain of the alarm list company within the limits of the 9th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Benedict to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company within the limits of the 9th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Trowbridge to be Ensign of the alarm list company within the limits of the 9th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Smith jun^r to be Captain of the alarm list company within the limits of the 10th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Ruggles to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company within the limits of the 10th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Martin Warner to be Ensign of the alarm list company within the limits of the 10th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Cary to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Avery 2d to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Groton in the 8th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Fostor to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nehemiah Tinker to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Young to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Ripley to be Captain of the 4th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Root to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Hale to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Hobby to be Captain of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jehiel Mead to be Ensign of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Roberts to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Williams to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jared Dudley to be Captain of the alarm list company within the limits of the 9th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Hubbard to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company within the limits of the 9th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jared Chittenden to be Ensign of the alarm list company within the limits of the 9th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Lockwood to be Captain of the fifth company of the alarm list in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Lyon to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Baldwin to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Pardee to be Captain of the alarm list company within the limits of the 6th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Smith to be Lieutenant of the

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alarm list company within the limits of the 6th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Parack Hubbell to be Ensign of the alarm list company within the limits of the 6th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dan Towner to be Captain of the alarm list company within the limits of the 7th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Zephaniah Briggs to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company within the limits of the 7th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Giddings to be Ensign of the alarm list company within the limits of the 7th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Silliman to be Cornet of the third troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Deodate Silliman to be Quarter Master of the third troop of horse in the 3d regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Bethuel Treat to be Captain of the 11th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asa Hinman to be Lieutenant of the 11th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Down to be Ensign of the 11th company of the alarm list in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Richard Pitkin to be Captain of the 9th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Olcott to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Simon Gains to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Brownson to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Porter jun^{r} to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Alexander King to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company in the old society in Suffield in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Pease to be Ensign of the alarm list company in the old society in the town of Suffield in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Cook to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company in the north society in the town of Hartford in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Sabin jun^{r} to be Captain of the second company of the Governor's Guards in this State.

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This Assembly do establish James Hillhouse to be Lieutenant of the second company of the Governor's Guards in this State.

This Assembly do establish Major Lines to be Ensign of the second company of the Governor's Guards in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez West to be Cornet of a troop of horse in the second regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Frisby to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Dan Beach to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Lay to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Lay to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lebbeus Chapman to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Fancher to be Ensign of the 17th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abiezer Smith to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jedidiah Buell junr to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Boughton junr to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benajah Strong to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Comfort Titus to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Enos Hawley to be Captain of the 5th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Hubbard to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Humphry to be Ensign of the 3d company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Humphry junr to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Woodruff to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Lewiss to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Allen to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Austin Phelps to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joel Palmer to be Ensign of the first

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company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Edgerton to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 2d regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Pettis to be Quarter Master of the troop of horse in the 2d regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Justus Buck to be Lieutenant of the 13th company of the alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Leet junr to be Ensign of the 13th company of the alarm list in the 7th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Peter Buell junr to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Litchfield.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Smith junr to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Litchfield.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Lathrop to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Baker to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Starr to be Captain of the 4th troop of horse in the 3d regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Hickcox to be Lieutenant of the 4th troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Silas Hull to be Cornet of the fourth troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Forrester to be Quarter Master of the 4th troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Babbit to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Waterhouse to be Captain of the 5th troop of horse in the first regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Arnold Hazleton to be Lieutenant of the 5th troop of horse in the first regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Parmely to be Cornet of the 5th troop of horse in the first regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Mitchell to be Quarter Master of the 5th troop of horse in the first regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Barker junr to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Willford to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Allen Smith to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Melatiah Bingham to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Judah Back to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Walcott to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Forbs to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Roberts to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Little to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benajah Holcomb to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Hurlburt to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jared Bradley to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

Upon the memorial of the listers of the town of Windsor for the year 1776, representing to this Assembly that by mere mistake in the return of the sum total of the lists of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of the town of Windsor, returned to the General Assembly in October last, they returned £170. 0. 8 more than the sum total of the lists of the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants ought to have been: Whereupon, resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State deduct out of the sum total of the said lists returned as aforesaid said sum of £170. 0. 8, and grant out his warrants accordingly.

Upon the memorial of John Chapman and Hezekiah Usher of East Hadam, shewing to this Assembly that they had, each of them, manufactured good saltpetre for the use of this State, *viz:* the said John one hundred and ninety-eight pounds and twelve ounces weight, and the said Hezekiah one hundred and twenty pounds weight, and that the same was delivered at the powder-mill in Windham for the use of the State before the fifteenth day of January last past, being manufactured before the first day of said January, but that, through ignorance of the law in that case provided, the usual certificates of the selectmen was not obtained, and that the memorialists cannot obtain the premium and pay; praying for relief &c. as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that upon the memorialists producing to the Committee of the Pay-Table in this State certificates that they and each of them took the oath provided by law for the makers of saltpetre before the said 15th of January, and delivered the same saltpetre at any powder-mill in this State, for the use of said State, with the inspectors certificates that it was pure &c. fit for the manufacturing of good gun-powder, the said committee are hereby ordered to make their orders on the Treasurer of this State in favour of said memorial-

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ists for the same premium and pay for said saltpetre as they might have had by law in case the selectmens certificate had been obtained before said 15th day of January.

On the memorial of Jabez Ferriss, of Greenwich in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Josiah Reynolds late of said Greenwich deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stamford amount to £6. 1. 9, lawful money, and that there is no personal estate to satisfy said debts; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy said debts and the charges of sale, as per memorial dated May 5th, 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jabez Ferriss have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy said sum of £6 1*s*. 9*d*. L. money, and the charges of sale; taking directions of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Johnson, of Midletown, shewing to this Assembly that in the last campaign he was a captain in Colo. Bradley's battalion and stationed at Fort Lee, and that the morning before said fort was attacked he had left in his custody thirty-six pounds money belonging to this State, which he received to pay the bounty and advanced pay to the soldiers of his company, which said money was left with his baggage with two soldiers who were taken prisoners and since deceas'd, and that said sum is lost; praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby impowered and directed to pass said sum of thirty-six pounds to the credit of the memorialist's account with this State, and to allow him said sum accordingly.

On the memorial of Elias Beckley, administrator on the estate of John Beckley late of Weathersfield deceas'd, informing this Assembly that on the second Thursday of October last he obtained liberty of the General Assembly of this State to sell of the real estate of the said deceas'd to enable him to pay the debts due from said estate to the amount of £147. 16. 2½, L. money, together with incident charges arising on the sale &c.; and the said memorialist further says, that pursuant to said grant from said Assembly he made sale of one piece of land called Belding Lot, for £118 11 0, being £11 0 0 more than it was apprized at; he also made sale at public vendue of one other piece of land in said Weathersfield containing five acres and seventy-three rods, which piece of land was apprized at £31 12 6, and sold for £68 7 6, the whole sum arising from the sale of both said pieces of land being £186 18 6, the charges of sale were £2 9 0, and that there remains in the memorialist's hands a ballance due to the

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estate of said deceas'd of £37 3 3; and the memorialist further informs that the last mentioned piece of land is so situated that he could not sell part of said piece of land for more than one half of the value thereof, he supposing the whole of said piece of land was not more than sufficient to answer the aforesaid grant of said Assembly and incident charges &c.; and the memorialist further informs that the additional debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd allowed by the judge of the court of probate for the district of Hartford amount to the sum of £16 13 2, lawfull money; praying that the said sum of £16 13 2 may be satisfyed from the said ballance of £37 3 3 due to the estate of said deceas'd from sale of said lands, and that the sale of said five acres and 73 rods of land aforesaid may be ratifyed and confirmed, and that the remainder of said money, being £20 10 1, L. money, may be divided among the heirs of said deceas'd, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to pay said sum of £16 13 2, L. money, out of the said sum of £37 3*s.* 3*d.*, and the remaining £20 10 1 distribute among the heirs of said deceas'd; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein. And this Assembly do further order that the sale of said five acres and 73 rods of land be ratifyed and confirmed, and the same is hereby ratifyed and confirmed.

On the memorial of Anne Burr of Farmington, administratrix on the estate of Amos Burr late of said Farmington deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges due from and arising upon said estate together with allowance of necessaries made to the widow of said deceas'd surmount the moveable inventoried part of said estate the sum of £40 8 11, lawfull money, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £40 8 11, with incidental charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and the same is hereby granted unto the said Anne Burr, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as is sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £40 8 11, L. money, together with incidental charges arising on said sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

Upon the memorial of Ann Clapp of Hartford, administratrix on the estate of Elijah Clapp late of said Hartford deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that her late husband, the said Elijah, while living brought his petition shewing that he had heretofore mortgaged his farm to Mr. Joshua Chandler of New Haven, that he did not pay the money by the time set, and that said Chandler had wrongfully procured a bill in form to be pass'd in his absence foreclosing the equity of redemption and had procured and was about to levy an execution for the purpose of taking away the possession of his farm, praying for

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the restoration of said farm upon his paying the mortgage money &c., which petition is yet depending before this Assembly; praying that she might be admitted to appear and prosecute said petition and that the same may be continued, and that said execution &c. be stayed, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and the same is hereby granted her, to appear and prosecute said petition, and that the same be and is hereby continued to the session of this Assembly in October next, and the said execution and all proceedings thereon be and the same is hereby ordered to be stayed and suspended untill the rising of this Assembly in October next.

Upon the memorial of David Osborn, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, representing to this Assembly that on the 8th day of April last John Wise of said New Haven, a constable of said town, by virtue of a legal warrant did impress a mare from the memorialist for the use of John Morly Green, an express on public business from his Excellency General Washington to Providence, and that said Wise did deliver said mare to said Green in obedience to said warrant, which mare said Green was to return per post or deliver to General Spencer for the use of the continent, and that said Green never hath returned said mare; praying this Assembly to order him payment for her: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table examine into and adjust the value of said mare and draw an order on the Treasurer of this State in favour of said memorialist for such sum as they may find reasonably and justly due to the memorialist for said mare.

On the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Danbury, representing to this Assembly that the British troops in their late hostile incursion into said town did, under a pretence of destroying public stores, consume with fire about twenty dwelling houses with a number of stores, barns and other buildings, and that the said enemy on their retreat collected and drove off all the stock of cattle, horses and sheep that could be found, and that said destruction hath reduced many of the wealthy inhabitants of said town to poverty and want; praying that a committee may be appointed to enquire into and estimate the losses of every individual in said town occasioned as aforesaid and report the same that such further measures may be taken thereon as shall be fit and proper, and also compassionate the case of those of said individuals who cannot subsist without, so as to afford some relief, as per memorial dated May 8th, 1777:

Resolved by this Assembly, That Mr. Daniel Sherman, Colo. Nehemiah Beardsley, Capt. Increase Mosely and Mr. Lemuel Sanford, or any three of them, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to estimate the losses of every individual in said town of Danbury in consequence of the late hostile incursion of the British troops into

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said Danbury, and report make to this or some future Assembly, so that the real loss the unhappy sufferers have sustained by the desolations and ravages of our merciless enemies may thereby be clearly known, and such representation made thereof and attention given to the condition of the unfortunate as any future Assembly may think proper.*

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That the Pay-Table draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of the selectmen of the town of Danbury for the sum of five hundred pounds, L. money, to be employed by said selectmen in relieving the distresses of such persons who were sufferers in Danbury as aforesaid who cannot subsist without such relief, and render account of the same when called thereto.

On the memorial of Hannah Barker, innholder in Lebanon in the county of Windham, shewing that on the alarm which happened in September, 1774, relating to the town of Bostons being attacked by the British troops, large numbers of militia men from East Haddam and Colchester going to their relief called upon and were supplyed by her with refreshments to the value of £4 6 4, which they thought themselves not obliged to pay for and which she is not able to lose; praying for relief &c. as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer pay out of the public treasury to said memorialist the sum of £4 6 4, as a compensation for the articles supplied the militia men going for the relief of Boston as set forth in said memorial, in consideration of her needy circumstances; and that the same be not drawn into precedent in future.

Upon the memorial of Lieut. Colonel Stephen Moulton, representing to this Assembly that in September last he was taken a prisoner in the retreat from New York and detained as such untill some time in January last, that in order to support himself while a prisoner in New York he was necessitated to borrow some hard money of Major Wells, who is still a prisoner in New York, and now calls on the memorialist to repay him in hard money the sum so as aforesaid borrowed from him; praying this Assembly that orders may be given upon the Treasurer of this State to pay him said sum in hard money: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State do procure and he is hereby directed to procure the sum of fifteen pounds in hard money, and that the same be paid to the memorialist by order from the Pay-Table in part of the wages due to the memorialist while in a state of captivity; and that to enable said Treasurer to procure said sum he be authorized to borrow the same on interest, giving his note therefor as Treasurer.

Upon the petition of Samuel Abbott, of Lebanon in the county of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that on the 13th day of May,

* Their report is in *Rev. War*, viii, 382.

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1775, he voluntarily inlisted a soldier in a company commanded by Capt. James Clark in a regiment called General Putnam's regiment, raised by the State of Connecticut for the defence of the same during the pleasure [of the] General Assembly, not exceeding seven months, and that soon after the inlistment of said petitioner he marched to the camp at Cambridge in the State of Massachusets Bay and did join said regiment, and did there continue to do duty as a faithfull and vigilant soldier untill the first day of December next following, when said petitioner under a mistaken notion of his time being out left the camp without leave and returned home, and by means of said petitioner's imprudent conduct he hath been rendered incapable of receiving any part of his billeting, marching money, or wages that was then due; praying that this Assembly would take into their wise consideration the case of said petitioner and grant that he be entituled to receive the whole arrears of his wages &c., as per petition on file: Whereupon it is granted by this Assembly, that said petitioner be entituled to receive the whole of his wages &c. which shall be found justly due, and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby ordered to adjust the same and draw an order on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Parker, of Wallingford in the county of New Haven, administrator on the estate of James Parker, late of said Wallingford deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £8 19 3, and that he hath no assets to satisfy said debts; praying this Assembly to authorize him or some other person, to make sale of so much of the said deceas'd's real estate as will be sufficient to satisfy said debts and the charges attending the sale of said estate: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and he is hereby authorized, to make sale of so much of said deceas'd's real estate as will be sufficient to satisfy said debts and the charges attending the sale of said estate; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Wallingford in the premises.

Upon the memorial of Jedidiah Strong, one of the selectmen of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that by mistake the grand list of said Litchfield in October, 1775, was returned £1192 0 0 too high; praying for abatement &c. as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be impowered and he is hereby impowered and directed, to abate to said town of Litchfield the tax arising on said sum of £1192, on each respective tax granted or to be granted by the General Assembly on said list of 1775, taking care that the school money paid thereon be reducted out of the sum to be paid out on the next list.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Trowbridge, Thomas Trowbridge, Rutherford Trowbridge, Daniel Trowbridge, and William Sherman,

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all of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that before the 10th day of March last they have manufactured 502 bushells of good salt in the town of New Haven; praying that they may receive the premium, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists receive out of the public treasury the sum of one hundred pounds, L. money; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Phineas Walker &c., listers of the town of Woodstock, shewing to this Assembly that the additions of the list of said town made up and sent in to this Assembly in May, 1776, was by a mistake in the cast seventy pounds larger than it ought to be; praying the same may be abated: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said list be and is hereby abated the sum of £70 0 0, and that the Treasurer of this State is to conform himself thereto in sending out his warrants for collecting rates or taxes thereon.

On the memorial of Aaron Ives of Wallingford, shewing to this Assembly that at the late alarm at Danbury he turned out as a volunteer and went to Compo and was in the engagement at Compo Hill and there received a wound in his leg, which prevented him taking proper care of his horse and necessary baggage, and when he was helped off from the field of battle his horse was missing and also his saddle, bridle, great-coat, blanket, and a bag with three days provisions, and was by said wound detained six days before he came home, and that he has since found his horse but has not been able to find any other of the articles lost; praying for relief &c. as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table receive and adjust the account for losses referred to in said memorial and draw on the Treasurer for what they find justly due.

Upon the memorial of James Wowes and others of the Tunxis tribe of Indians, shewing that they are possessed of a common and undivided interest in certain lands lying in Farmington, that it is necessary for various purposes specifyed in said memorial that said lands, or part thereof, should be sold as occasion should require, and that the sale and improvement of said lands is greatly impeded by their being in an undivided state and an interest in common among the proprietors, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. John Porter and Messrs. Hezekiah Wadsworth and Solomon Whitman junr, be and they are hereby appointed a committee in pursuance of said memorial, to make a just and equitable division and distribution of all the lands lying in said town in which said tribe have an interest in common, having respect to expences paid by individuals which ought to have been defrayed by the tribe at large, to each proprietor in said tribe, and to make their report to this or some future Assembly.

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On the memorial of Hannah Penfield of Wallingford and Isaac Penfield of Hartland, executors of the last will and testament of Nathaniel Penfield late of said Wallingford deceas'd; representing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited against said Nathaniel's estate surmount his whole inventoried estate the sum of £177 17 5, L. money, and that they have no assets in their hands to pay said sum or any part thereof; praying liberty to sell so much of the said Nathaniel's real estate as will be sufficient to pay said sum and the incident charges attending said sale &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said executors be and they are hereby impowered, to sell and dispose of so much of the said deceas'd Nathaniel's real estate as will be sufficient to pay said sum and the incident charges attending such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven in the premises.

Upon the memorial of Freeman Judd, Thomas Marchant and Joseph Lewiss, all of Waterbury, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1775 they inlisted into the service of this State under the command of Capt. Caleb Trowbridge of New Haven, that said Trowbridge has drew and received the whole of their wages due to them severally for public service and has paid but part thereof to each of the memorialists; praying for relief as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to examine and adjust the wages and allowances of each of the memorialists and draw orders on the Treasurer for what they shall find due to each of them: Provided they, the memorialists, shall become bound with sureties to repay such sums as they shall receive, or parts thereof, as may afterwards appear to have been paid by said Capt. Trowbridge.

Upon the memorial of Mary Kimberly, of Glastonbury in Hartford county, sole administratrix to the estate of John Kimberly, Esqr, late of said Glastonbury deceas'd, shewing that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the value of his personal estate, necessary utensils of housekeeping excepted, and also the sum allowed by the General Assembly of this State in their sessions at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, 1775, to be raised by the sale of the real estate of said deceas'd, the sum of £253 16 1, lawful money &c., and praying for liberty to sell so much more of the real estate of said deceas'd as will pay and satisfy the said additional sum of £253 16 1, lawfull money &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and authority is hereby granted her, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum of £253 16 1, L. money, with incident charges arising on such sale; taking directions of the court of probate in the district of Hartford therein.

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Upon the memorial of Judah Leaming and David Leaming, both of Farmington in the county of Hartford, shewing that by order of the civil authority, selectmen and committee of inspection for said town they were committed to the common goal in the county of Hartford for words and conduct inimical to the United States, which they imprudently uttered and were guilty of, being induced thereto by supposed injurious treatment they have met with by losses in cloathing and wages which have never been indemnifyed though they have made assiduous applications therefor; that in their cool and deliberate moments they feel the highest regard for their country and the liberties of the same and in their turn will, as they have done, stand in its defence; and praying that an enquiry might be made into the circumstances of their case and that equity and justice might be done, as per memorial on file; and upon the report of the committee appointed by this Assembly to make enquiry into the premises, shewing and reporting that they caused due notice to be given to Solomon Whitman, Esqr, Timothy Root, selectmen, and Ebenezer Hamlin and Simeon Hart, committee of inspection for said town, to appear on the 16th day of instant May at the house of Mr. David Bull in Hartford, to produce their allegations against the said Judah and David; that on examination of said persons at the time and place appointed no one appeared on the part of said authority &c. of Farmington; that they found the material facts set forth in the memorial as above recited to be true; that the said Judah and David appeared very penitent and were sorry for their unworthy behaviour and professed their willingness to defend their country with their lives and fortunes; and that in the opinion of the committee it was advisable to release them from their said imprisonment: Whereupon, resolved by this Assembly, that the said Judah Leaming, and David Leaming, on their paying or giving sufficient security for the payment of the costs that have arisen on their tryal, commitment and detention in prison, to be liberated from their said imprisonment; and the keeper of the goal in Hartford is hereby ordered and directed to release said memorialists from their said imprisonment on the aforesaid condition accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Story of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that there is need of an house of entertainment where he lives by the continental ship-yard in that town; praying for liberty to open and keep a tavern there &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Ebenezer Story hath liberty to keep a tavern or house of entertainment at the place aforesaid the year ensuing, upon his giving bond to the treasurer of the county of New London to keep and observe the laws regulating taverns or houses of entertainment.

Upon the memorial of Zephaniah Whipple of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that he was in the service last year and by mistake was put under guard and his gun taken from him, of the price of £2

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10 0, which by that means was lost &c.; praying to be allowed for the same, &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer for said sum of £2 10 0, in favour of the memorialist, for the loss of his said gun.

On the memorial of Timothy Bishop of Guilford, humbly shewing to this Assembly that the wife of said Timothy Bishop was employed by the selectmen of the town of Durham in January last, to nurse and tend two of the prisoners from New York sick with the small-pox in said town; that after the recovery of said prisoners, his said wife in cleansing in a very cold season was taken sick with a severe fever which prevented her returning home for the space of three weeks, which cost the memorialist for boarding, tending, nursing, doctoring &c., the sum of £8 6 4; praying this Assembly to take his case into their consideration and order the Committee of the Pay-Table to examine and adjust said account of the charges and sickness, and order them to draw on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall find just and reasonable, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table do examine said account and draw on the treasury for such sum as shall appear just and reasonable.

Upon the memorial of Israel Dodge, Thomas Mason, George Dodge and George Williams, of Salem in the county of Essex in the State of the Massachusets Bay, shewing to this Assembly that they recovered a judgment of the county court in the county of New London in February last against Hannah Winslow, John Goldthwait, John Winslow jun^r and Isaac Winslow, of Boston in the county of Suffolk in said State, as they are administrators on the estate of Joshua Winslow late of Boston deceas'd, for the sum of £134 11 7¾ debt, and £2 13 6 cost, which with one shilling more for execution amounts to £137 6 1¾; that the brig *Nancy* and her cargo brought into Norwich in the year 1775 belonged to said estate and is by order of the General Assembly taken for public use &c.; and that the memorialists have in their favour a resolve of the General Assembly in June last and another in October, that so much of the net proceeds of said brig and cargo should be paid to said Dodge and company as they should recover on their suit aforesaid, and that there is no other estate of said deceas'd in this State to satisfy said execution; praying that said sum of £137 6 1¾ may be paid to them out of the treasury of this State according to said resolve, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby ordered and directed, to pay to the said Dodge and company or their attorney &c. the said sum of £137 6 1¾, L. money, taking a proper receipt for the same, in full satisfaction of said judgment and execution.

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Upon the memorial of Joseph Hull and Philip Redfield, both of Killingworth, shewing that they marched with the militia in Colo. Ward's regiment in February, 1776, as far as Stamford, to go to New York under the command of General Lee; that they were there ordered on board Capt. Selleck's privateer and served six weeks when they were discharged; that they expected their wages would have been paid them as the rest of said regiment was allowed and paid but were not; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table do adjust the wages and other allowances due to the memorialists and draw orders therefor upon the Treasurer and charge the same to the account of the continent.

Upon the memorial of Benajah McCall, of Hancock in the county of Berkshire in the State of Massachusets Bay, now in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1768 he was lawfully married to Abigail Comstock, of Lyme in New London county in this State, and that in the year 1772 by the death of Ichabod Comstock of said Lyme, brother to your memorialists said wife Abigail, a small estate in land fell to said Abigail and to her brother Jesse Comstock of said Lyme as joint owners of the same, as they were next and only heirs to their deceas'd brother Ichabod, of about 20 acres of land, and that in the year 1772, after the death of said Ichabod, the memorialist and his said wife Abigail voluntarily agreed with and sold to the said Jesse Comstock all the said land lying in said Lyme descending to said Abigail in manner aforesaid, being about ten acres, and received the principal part of the pay therefor and security for the remainder, and that before the memorialist and his said wife Abigail had opportunity jointly to execute a deed of said land to said Jesse Comstock the memorialist's said wife died, by which providence he is now incapable of conveying the fee of said land to said Jesse Comstock; praying this Assembly to impower him to make a deed of sale of said land so as to pass the fee thereof to said Jesse Comstock, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be impowered and he is hereby impowered, to make a deed of sale of said land passing the fee of the same to said Jesse Comstock.

Upon the memorial of Huldah Porter and Moses Forbs, administrators on the estate of Joseph Porter late of Hartford deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges due from the estate of Joseph Porter late of Hartford deceas'd, with necessaries set to the widow, exceed the moveable estate £146 0 8, L. money, and that they have no moveable estate to pay the same; praying for liberty to sell real estate sufficient to pay said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty and they are hereby impowered to sell so much of said real estate as will procure said sum of £146 0 8, L. money, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate in Hartford district therein.

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Upon the memorial of the inhabitants living on the west tier of lots in the town of New Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that some years past the inhabitants living on said lots of land were set off and adjoined to the military companies or trainbands in Torringford society; that they have faithfully attended their duty in said company but at this day labour under many inconveniencies in the same, and therefore pray this Assembly they may return to military duty with the company in New Hartford: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the inhabitants upon said west tier of lots in New Hartford be and they are hereby annexed to the companies in New Hartford: those belonging to the alarm list company to the alarm list in New Hartford, and those that belong to the militia company to the south company or trainband in said town of New Hartford.

Upon the memorial of the first battalion of volunteers commanded by Colo. Noadiah Hooker, shewing that in December last upon the invitation of the General Assembly they engaged in the service for two months, equipt themselves with arms &c.; praying that some reasonable allowance may be made them as a premium &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of twenty shillings be given to each non-commission officer and soldier that engaged for two months and faithfully served out the time in said battalion, and that the Committee of Pay-Table draw orders for the same accordingly.

On the memorial of Hannah Emerson, administratrix on the estate of James Emerson late of Glastonbury deceas'd, for liberty and authority to sell of the real estate of the said deceas'd to the value of £36 1 4½, L. money, and charges, as per memorial on file &c., to discharge the debts due from said estate: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and authority, and it is hereby granted, that she sell of the real estate of the said deceas'd to the value of £36 1 4½, L. money, to enable said administratrix to discharge said debts and charges, together with necessary charges arising on the sale thereof; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Hartford in the sale of said estate.

Upon the memorial of William Chamberlain, Thomas Kimberly, Elijah Smith and Josiah Hale, listers of the town of Glastonbury for the year 1776, shewing to this Assembly that many of the inhabitants of Glastonbury were in the service at New York in August and September last, by means whereof their lists were not given in, and that said listers not having any rule to know their lists by did set the lists of rateable estate of said inhabitants then absent too high, to the amount of £308 5 0, over and above the true sum; praying that the same may be abated &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of £308 5 0 be abated on the list of the town of Glastonbury as sent in for August, 1776; and the Treasurer is directed to conform himself to

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the same accordingly: the said town of Glastonbury repaying to the Treasurer the school money receiv'd by them on said surplus sum of £308 5 0.

Upon the memorial of Charles Mather, of New Hartford in Litchfield county, administrator on the estate of Jonathan Kelcy jun^{r}, late of Farmington in said county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. due from said estate surmount the personal estate the sum of £111 6 6, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £111 6 6, L. money, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Ruth Gibbs, of Litchfield in Litchfield county, administratrix on the estate of Eliakim Gibbs late of said Litchfield deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £51 6 2, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £51 6 2, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and she is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Patience Baldwin, of Goshen in Litchfield county, administratrix on the estate of Asahel Baldwin of said Goshen, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £31 7 4, L. money, and that the real estate of said deceas'd is but very small, and so situated as that a part of the same cannot be disposed of without the whole, and praying for liberty to sell the whole of said real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and she is hereby authorized and impowered to sell and dispose of the whole of the real estate of said deceas'd, under the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield, and the overplus, if any, to be improved for the best advantage of the heirs.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Holden Parsons, Esqr, shewing to this Assembly that in April, 1775, the memorialist, together with Colo. Samuel Wyllys, Mr. Silas Dean and others, did undertake the surprizing and seizing the enemies post at Ticonderoga without the knowledge of the Assembly, and for that purpose did take a quantity of

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money from the treasury, for which they gave their promissory receipts, and that the whole of said moneys were expended in said service; praying that said receipts may be cancelled or given up, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said receipts given as aforesaid be delivered up to the memorialists or some of the persons who executed them, to be cancelled, upon their exhibiting and lodging with the Committee of Pay-Table the accounts and vouchers of their disposition and expenditure of the sums contained in said receipts, which are as follows, *viz:* One receipt dated 15th May, 1775, for £10 0 0, signed Samuel Bishop, junr, William Williams and Samuel H. Parsons; one receipt dated 28th April, 1775, for £200, signed Thomas Mumford, Samuel H. Parsons, Silas Dean and Samuel Wyllys; one receipt dated same 28th of April, 1775, for £100 0 0, signed Thomas Mumford, Adam Babcock, Samuel H. Parsons and Silas Dean; and also one other receipt dated May 17th, 1775, for £500 0 0, signed Joshua Porter, Thomas Mumford, Jesse Root, Ezekiel Williams, Samuel Wyllys and Charles Webb. And it is further resolved, that the Committee of Pay-Table upon receiving the said accounts and vouchers of the expenditure of said monies charge the amount thereof to the continent, and that the amount of the sums contained in said receipts be allowed the Treasurer in account with this State on his delivering up said receipts pursuant to this resolution.

Upon the memorial of Josiah Allyn, of Windsor in Hartford county in said State, the only acting executor to the last will and testiment of Joseph Marsh late of said Windsor deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges, with moveables set out to the widow of said deceas'd, surmount the moveables of said deceas'd the sum of £80 9 5, L. money, and praying to this Assembly for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £80 9 5, L. money, with incident charges arising on the sale thereof, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and liberty is hereby granted to the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £80 9 5, L. money, together with incident charges arising on the sale thereof; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Charles Dayton and Mehitabel Dayton, executors on the last will and testament of Capt. Michael Dayton late of Waterbury deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £46 15 10, L. money, and that the said deceas'd made no provision in said will to sell real estate to pay the same; praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay the sum aforesaid with incident charges, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved

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by this Assembly, that Capt. Thomas Fenn of Waterbury aforesaid have liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay the said sum of £46 15 10, with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Rider, administrator on the estate of James Richardson late of Willington deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges and allowances against said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £8 8 3, lawfull money, and praying for liberty to sell the whole of said real estate or so much thereof as to make said sum of £8 8 3, for the payment of said debts &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator have liberty and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to make said sum of £8 8 3, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of John Welton, administrator on the estate of Benjamin Scott late of Waterbury deceas'd, praying for authority to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay the said sum of £70 6 3, with incident charges, as appears by said memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said John Welton be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay the said sum of £70 6 3, with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Elijah Calkins of Sharon, representing to this Assembly that he had before the first day of January last past made and manufactured two hundred and thirteen pounds and an half of saltpetre, and before that time applyed to two of the selectmen of said Sharon to have the same inspected, but necessary business prevented the same untill the 15th day of January, 1777, when the same was inspected and sent to the powder-mill at New Haven for the use of this State, when the same was on reinspection found good and clean, but because the same was not inspected before the first day of January, *A. Dom.* 1777, the Committee of Pay-Table could order payment of only one shilling premium per pound, whereas he ought to have received two shillings per pound as a bounty, the same being manufactured before said first day of January; praying for payment of £10 13 6, as per memorial on file: Therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and hereby are directed to draw upon the Treasurer of this State to pay unto the said Elijah Calkins said sum of £10 13 6, as the remainder of the premium due on said saltpetre by him manufactured as aforesaid.

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Upon the memorial of Thomas Bill, of Lebanon in the county of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that he, the said memorialist, in January, 1776, was appointed and commissioned a lieutenant in the continental army, and was joined to the company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Throop of Colo. Burrall's regiment and joined the army in the northern department, where the said memorialist continued to do duty to good satisfaction untill about the 20th day of May following, at which time he was taken sick with the small pox in the natural way at the River Sorrell, and said regiment being on their march left said memorialist destitute either of hospital, physick or nurse, all which he was obliged to provide for himself at his own expence, which cost him at least twelve pounds, L. money, for which he hath received no pay or allowance &c.; praying to this Assembly for their tender consideration on the premises and pay for said expences &c.: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be paid the sum of twelve pounds, and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of David Seely, of Stratford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Israel Seely late of said Stratford deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £90 12 2, L. money, to pay which the said administrator hath no assets in his hands; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy the said sum of £90 12 2, together with the cost and charges of sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said David Seely, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy said sum of £90 12 2 and the charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Abigail Spencer, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Spencer late of Haddam in the State of Connecticut, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the moveable part thereof the sum of £44 11 7¾, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell real estate, as per memorial on file, dated 5th May, 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £44 11 7¾ together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

On the memorial of Stephen Judd, administrator on the estate of Daniel Judd late of Waterbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly

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that the debts and charges arising against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £38 13 7, L. money; praying for authority to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay the sum aforesaid with incident charges, as appear by said memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Timothy Judd, Esqr, of Waterbury aforesaid, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay the said sum of £38 13 7, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Eli Mygatt, John McLean and others, selectmen of the town of Danbury in Fairfield county, shewing to this Assembly that the enemy in their late incursion into said Danbury amongst other things burnt and destroyed the public records of said town, whereby they apprehend great damage and inconvenience may arise to the inhabitants and others interested therein unless some timely remedy be provided them; praying the attention of this Assembly in their unhappy case, and that a committee be appointed to enquire into the particular circumstances attending the same: Resolved by this Assembly, that Daniel Sherman, Colo. Nehemiah Beardsley, Capt. Increase Mosely and Mr. Lemuel Sanford, or any three of them, be appointed a committee to repair to said Danbury as soon as may be, first notify the inhabitants of said town, and there by all lawfull ways and means enquire into and ascertain the right of every man, and make report of their doings in the premises to the next General Assembly of this State.

Upon the petition of Jonathan Hart against Jerusha Clark, administratrix on the estate of Mr. Samuel Clark late of Kensington deceas'd, shewing that he is imprisoned by said Jerusha on an execution for about £800 0 0, L. money; that said Samuel and the petitioner were in partnership in trade, out of which said execution arose; that said Clark denyed said partnership, and that the petitioner is able to evince it, and that upon a just settlement the greater part of said execution will be found not due; further representing that the petitioner is insolvent and engaged in the service; praying for an act of insolvency &c. as per memorial on file; and the petitioner having disclosed upon oath his estate, the inventory of which amounts to £370 11 0½, and has made an assignment thereof in common form to Colo. Isaac Lee jun^{r} and Stephen Norton, both of Farmington, assignees for the benefit of his creditors, who are hereby impowered to make deeds and other instruments necessary to execute their said trust, also to commence and prosecute unto final judgment and recovery any action in the law for the purpose aforesaid and the monies to pay to the creditors in due proportion &c.: Thereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioner be released from his imprisonment and be

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forever hereafter acquit from any arrests or imprisonment for debts heretofore contracted, unless upon the final issue of said petition it shall be found that his estate is not insolvent; which petition the petitioner has liberty to prosecute without being prejudiced by any thing in this act.

Upon the memorial of Beach Tomlinson and Saral Lewiss both of Stratford, administrators on the estate of Ichabod Lewiss, Esqr, late of said Stratford deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £288 8 2¾; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £288 8 2¾, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Reuben Beacher of New Haven, conservator of the person and estate of Ephraim Morriss of New Haven, representing that from the 4th day of April, 1776 to the 4th day of April, 1777, he had expended for the support of said Morriss the sum of £20 8 1; that he had received for the rent of the land belonging to said Morriss the sum of £6 0 0; praying that he might be impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said Morriss as shall be sufficient to pay the sum of £14 8 1, being the ballance due to him, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said Morriss as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £14 8 1, together with the incident charge of such sale.

Upon the memorial of Anne Pierpoint, administratrix upon the estate of Mr. James Pierpoint late of New Haven deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate the sum of £166 3 8; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charges of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £166 3 8, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Capt. Joshua Huntington, the agent for building the continental ship in Norwich, shewing to this Assembly

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that he wants a quantity of locust timber for trunnels, which may be had on the farm in New London formerly owned by Capt. Oliver, deceas'd, now owned by one Oliver of Boston, or Doct. Thomas Moffat, both of whom are with the enemies of these States; praying for liberty to cut the needfull quantity &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist hath liberty and the same is hereby granted to him, to take the needfull quantity of locust timber from said farm for the purpose mentioned, keeping an account thereof, at apprizal of the carpenters of said ship ready to be rendered when properly called upon.

Upon the memorial of Benoni Buttolph, administrator on the estate of Jonathan Buttolph senior, late of Symsbury in the said State, shewing that the debts and charges exhibited against the estate of the said deceased surmount the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £26 2 9, L. money, as per memorial on file dated 16th of May, A. D. 1777; praying this Assembly to grant liberty to said memorialist or some other meet person to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as may suffice to pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum of £26 2 9, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale: Therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and is hereby authorized, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall pay and satisfy the aforesaid sums with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Ridgfield, representing to this Assembly that the enemy in their late incursion to Danbury on their return passed through said Ridgfield and burnt many dwelling-houses and other buildings therein, killed and carried off many of their cattle, and plundered the inhabitants of all their provisions and much of their cloathing, whereby such a number of the inhabitants of said Ridgfield are reduced to indigence, poverty and an inability to provide for their necessities as that said town cannot afford them adequate relief; praying this Assembly to take their case into their consideration and make provision accordingly: Resolved by this Assembly, that Increase Mosely, Daniel Sherman, Nehemiah Beardsley and Lemuel Sanford, Esq^{rs}, or any three of them, be a committee to estimate the losses of every individual in said town of Ridgfield in consequence of the hostile measures of the British troops in their late progress through said town, and report make to this or some future Assembly, so that the real loss the unhappy sufferers have sustained by the desolations and ravages of our merciless enemies may thereby be clearly known and such representation made thereof and attention given to the condition of the unfortunate as any future Assembly may think proper.*

* Their report is in *Rev. War*, viii, 391.

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And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That the Pay-Table draw an order on the Treasurer, in favour of the selectmen of the town of Ridgfield, for the sum of £250 0 0, to be used by said selectmen in relieving the distresses of such persons who were sufferers in said Ridgfield as aforesaid, who cannot subsist without such relief, and render account of the same when called thereto.

Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Boughton, of Danbury in the county of Fairfield, administratrix on the estate of James Boughton late of said Danbury deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the real estate of said deceas'd amounts to the sum of £127 0 0, according to the inventory apprizal, and that his inventoried moveable estate only to £26 10 7, and that the debts &c. due from said estate as allowed by the court of probate amounts to the sum of £99 19 0, which surmounts said moveable estate the sum of £73 8 5, for the payment of which sum she has nothing in her hands, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Elizabeth Boughton have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto her, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd James Boughton as shall enable her to pay the sum of £73 8 5, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Danbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Thaddeus Benedict, of Danbury in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that in the late incursion of the enemy into Danbury his dwelling house was consumed by fire, and that several of the houses of those persons nominated to keep public houses in said town were also consumed, by means of which they are deprived of keeping houses of entertainment, and that he had provided a convenient house in the center of said town; praying to this Assembly for liberty to keep a house of public entertainment, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and authority is hereby granted unto him, to keep a publick house of entertainment in said town the year ensuing, under the same restrictions as other public houses are kept in said town.

Upon the memorial of Mary Hoyt, wife of Isaac Hoyt late of Danbury, shewing to this Assembly that she has ever been a true friend to the rights of her country, and that her husband when the enemy made their late incursions into Danbury, being an enemy to his country, went off and joined them, by means of which he did justly forfeit all his estate both real and personal, and that the selectmen of said Danbury by virtue of a law of this State had seized all the personal estate of her said husband, by means of which she was deprived of the necessaries of life; praying to this Assembly to order and decree that one third part of all the clear moveable estate be given to her, and the use and improvement of one third part of all the real estate of her

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said husband during her natural life for her support, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist do have and enjoy the free use and improvement of one third part of all the real and personal estate of her said husband during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Isaac King, of Suffield in the county of Hartford, administrator on the estate of Charles Smith late of said Suffield deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the said Charles in his life time bargained and agreed with one Jonathan Baker, then of Woodbury in the county of Litchfield now of Suffield aforesaid, to sell him a certain piece of land in said Suffield containing eight acres, bounding north on Capt. John Norton, east on Reuben Parsons' land, south and west on the highway, for the consideration of the sum of £112 10 0, L. money, with interest, and on the 8th day of December, 1774, bound himself and his heirs to the said Baker in the sum of £225 0 0, to make and execute to him a good warrantee deed of said land by the first day of January, 1780, upon his paying the said sum of £112 10 0, with the interest; that in the month of November last pass'd the said Charles Smith sickened and dyed, after whose decease the memorialist took out letters of administration on said estate, and that the said Baker paid him as administrator the whole of said £112 10 0 with the interest that remained due, and thereupon demands a deed of said land; praying to be authorized and impowered to make and execute to the said Baker a deed of said land, as per memorial on file dated May 6th, 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Isaac King be authorized, and is hereby authorized and impowered, to make and execute to the said Baker a deed of said land, and the same being recorded in the town-clerk's office of the town of Suffield shall be a good title to hold said land to the said Baker, his heirs or assigns.

Upon the memorial of Elnathan Camp, of Durham in this State, humbly shewing that he manufactured out of materials collected in this State two hundred and forty-one pounds of good saltpetre between the first day of June and the first day of January last; that through multiplicity of business and not adverting to the law requiring said saltpetre to be inspected before the 15th day of said January he omitted getting the same inspected; that said saltpetre on the 12th day of February was inspected and the oath provided by law taken by said Camp; and that the same was reinspected on the 17th of February aforesaid, as appears per certificate, and received for the use of this State; humbly praying that, although he did not attend the steps of the law in that case provided, he may be allowed the same price and premium as he might have had had he attended to said law on the aforesaid quantity of 241 pounds of saltpetre, and that the Assembly order the Committee of Pay-Table to draw on the treasury for the

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same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed and ordered, to adjust said account and draw an order on the treasury for the same price and premium on the aforesaid quantity of two hundred and forty-one pounds of saltpetre as said memorialist would have been entituled to had he attended the steps of the law in that case provided.

Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Tomlinson, of Stratford in the county of Fairfield, administratrix on the estate of Capt. Joseph Tomlinson late of said Stratford deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate the sum of £423 12 2, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and she is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as to raise said sum £423 12 2 with the incident charges thereon arising; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

On the memorial of Mehitabel Kilborn and Lemuel Hotchkiss, administrators on the estate of Joshua Kilborn late of Farmington deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges due from and arising upon said estate, with allowance of necessaries made to the widow and family of said deceas'd, surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £151 7 8, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum together with incidental charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and the same is hereby granted to the said administrators, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £151 7 8, with incidental charges arising on said sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Crosby, executrix to the last will and testament of Stephen Crosby late of Killingley deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that she is chargeable with the sum of £46 6 4, L. money, to the State of Connecticut, which is inevitably lost at the time of the death of said deceas'd, which was in the retreat out of New York; praying this Assembly to grant her in her said capacity the aforesaid £46 6 4, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the aforesaid sum of £46 6 4, L. money, be granted to said memorialist in her said capacity, and the Committee of Pay-Table of this State is hereby ordered and directed to allow the same to her in the settlement of the account of the deceas'd with this State accordingly.

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On the memorial of Absalom Stockwell, of Killingley in the county of Windham, shewing that on the ninth day of May, 1775 he entered into the service of this State agreeable to an act of the General Assembly of this State for that purpose, and went to Roxbury or Cambridge in the defence of our just rights and privileges to serve for the space of seven months, and accordingly served faithfully untill the second day of December then next; that mistaking his time of service to be expired sooner than it really was, he imprudently left the service without a regular discharge; that he is devoted to the service of his country, has been since his tour to Roxbury twice into the service and is ever ready to contribute everything in his power for his country's welfare, and praying for his wages, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and impowered on application to them made by the said Absalom, to examine and adjust the accounts for the wages of said Absalom and in his favour to draw on the Treasurer for such sums as shall be found due to him thereon.

On the memorial of Hannah Deming, administratrix on the estate of Waitstill Deming late of Weathersfield deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited into the court of probate for the district of Hartford since October last and allowed by said court for which no certificate has ever been given surmount the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £18 3 7¼, L. money, and that said administratrix hath no assets to satisfy said debts; praying this Assembly to appoint said memorialist and Aaron Porter of said Weathersfield, or some other person, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to discharge said sum of £18 3 7¼, L. money, and the incident charges arising on the sale &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist and the said Aaron Porter be authorized and impowered, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd Waitstill as will be sufficient to raise said sum of £18 3 7¼ and the incident charges arising on the sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Phineas Gurley of Mansfield, administrator on the estate of Israel Gurley late of Guilford in the county of Cumberland deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the said Israel while in life, on or about the 12th day of October, 1775, for a valuable consideration sold and disposed of one certain messuage in said Mansfield containing about seven acres, including a mansion house and barn, bounded north on the country road leading from Hartford to Boston, westerly on land of Elnathan Bridgham, southerly on lands of Oliver Demick, easterly on a road called the Town Road, to Eliphalet Demick of said Mansfield; that at the time of said sale one Lott

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Demick was in full possession of the premises by virtue of a lease of the said deceas'd, and that it was thereupon then and there agreed by and between the said deceas'd and the said Eliphalet Demmick that he, the said Eliphalet, should then and there pay down to the grantor the full purchase money of said lands and buildings, and that thereupon he, the said deceas'd, should be bound and obliged to make, execute and deliver to the said Eliphalet a good warrantee deed of the premises in a then future time, and that to this proposal each of said contracting parties then and there consented and agreed, and the said Eliphalet accordingly then and there paid down to the said deceas'd the full sum of £110 0 0, L. money, the price agreed upon for the premises as aforesaid, and the said deceas'd thereupon then and there promised to make and execute a deed of the premises and the same deliver to the said Eliphalet by the first day of September then next, but that before said first day of September aforesaid, *viz:* on or about the 22d day of August, 1776, he, the said Israel Gurley, sickened and dyed intestate without executing such deed, leaving a widow and three small children, and that said widow is willing, in consideration of the premises, to quit and relinquish all right of dower therein, and the said Eliphalet desirous to be confirmed in the title thereto &c.; praying for power and authority to make, execute and deliver to the said Eliphalet Demick, his heirs &c., a good warrantee deed of the premises &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have full power and authority, and full power and authority is hereby given to him, to make, execute and deliver unto the said Eliphalet Demick, his heirs and assigns forever, a good deed of warranty of the said lands and buildings, which shall be good and valid in the law to all intents and purposes.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Seeley junr, a prisoner in the goal at Hartford, representing to this Assembly that he had for inimical practices been sentenced to suffer two years imprisonment and pay a fine of £20 0 0; that he had served the United States in the present war with faithfulness, and professing repentance for his evil conduct, promising reformation in future; praying this Assembly to liberate him from his imprisonment upon his inlisting into the continental service, as per memorial on file: Therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the said Joseph Seeley junr be and hereby is liberated from his imprisonment upon his paying or securing to be paid the cost of prosecution arising against him and he inlisting into some one of the battalions raising in the United States of America for continental service; and the goaler in such case is ordered to discharge the said Joseph from his imprisonment.

Upon the memorial of Abel Clark, of Pomphrett in the county of Windham, shewing that between the first of June, 1776, and the first day of January, 1777, he had manufactured at his works in said Pom-

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frett out of materials collected within this State three hundred and sixty-four pounds weight of saltpetre; that through inattention to the law requiring the exhibiting, inspecting and certifying saltpetre within a limited time he did not exhibit said saltpetre till after the time of limitation was required; that he did however afterwards exhibit the same to Mr. Samuel Sumner, a selectman for said town, for inspection, who weighed the same and on examination found the same to be pure, clean and dry, fit for the manufacture of gunpowder, but no certificate could be received for the same according to the letter of the law, notwithstanding he took the oath by law prescribed, and that he has kept the same in his own custody with all possible security ever since; and praying that on said saltpetre being reinspected, weighed, approved and certifyed by the inspector of saltpetre in Windham county, and on its being transported to the powder-mills in Windham for the use of this State, he might be entituled to the same bounty and price for the same as others by law are, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed, on application to them made by the said Abel Clark, and on his producing a certificate as the law directs for said saltpetre, to draw on the Treasurer for such sum as shall be found due, in favour of said Clark, in the same manner as if he had strictly pursued the steps of the law.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Stevens of New Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that in the month of August last past, when the militia were ordered to New York, he let his horse and saddle go to help carry the baggage of Capt. Beardsley's company to said New York, and that said horse and saddle was lost by inevitable providence; praying to this Assembly for pay for said horse and saddle, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Ebenezer Stevens be allowed out of the public treasury for said horse and saddle the sum of £12 10, lawfull money; and the Treasurer of this State is ordered to pay the same accordingly.

On the memorial of Joash Hall of Wallingford, shewing to this Assembly that he rode on horseback to the assistance of the troops of this State that were pursuing the British troops in their retreat from Danbury, and that he rode within about half a mile of where the action was at Compo and then left his horse and went and engaged the enemy for some time, but was finally obliged to retreat, and when he came to his horse he mounted him and soon after said horse was killed by a shot from the enemy; praying this Assembly to grant him pay for said horse, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Pay-Table draw an order on the Treasurer for the sum of £19 0 0, L. money, in favour of the said Hall, as full payment and satisfaction for the loss of said horse.

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Upon the memorial of Thomas Mumford, Esqr, of Groton, shewing to this Assembly that he with other merchants of this State have a large quantity of English goods at Bedford in the State of Massachusets Bay, taken by their privateer called the *Fanny* in a prize ship and brought in there, and that he hath a cargo of salt brought in and imported from the West Indies at the same place, all which he is desirous to bring into this State for the benefit of the inhabitants, being much wanted here, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Honor the Governor be and he is desired to write to the General Assembly, or in their recess to the Honble Council of the State of Massachusets Bay, and request them to permit the aforesaid goods or any other goods captured, brought or imported into the ports of that State by merchants or other subjects of this State, to be transported by land or water from thence into this State for the necessary supply of the inhabitants, any embargo of said State of Massachusets Bay notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Lathrop, of Tolland in the county of Hartford, administrator on the estate of John Peck late of said Toland deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, funeral charges, with some allowances to the widow of the said deceas'd, surmount the moveable inventoried estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £51 5 8, L. money, and that the whole of the real estate of said deceas'd will not surmount the said sum of £51 5 8 more than twelve or thirteen pounds, L. money, to be divided among six or seven heirs, some of which are under the age of four years and must be supported until they arrive at that age &c., and that the real estate of said deceas'd may be sold to much greater advantage if it be sold together than apart; praying for liberty to sell the whole of the estate of the said deceas'd, and that so much thereof as is necessary to pay the said sum of £51 5 8 and incident charges be applyed to the payment of the same, and that the residue of said estate may be applyed to the support of the said children under the age of four years &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to the memorialist, to sell the whole of the real estate of the said deceas'd, taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein, and the avails thereof to be applyed to the purposes mentioned in said memorial as aforesaid.

On the memorial of Thomas Shepard of Farmington and Anne his wife, lately Anne Burr, administratrix on the estate of Amos Burr late of said Farmington deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges due from and arising upon said estate, together with allowance of necessaries made to the widow of said deceas'd, surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £40 8 11, L. money, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as

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shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £40 8 11 with incidental charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and the same is hereby granted unto the said Thomas Shepard and Anne his wife, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as is sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £40 8 11, L. money, together with incidental charges arising on said sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

On the memorial of Elizabeth Hendrick, administratrix on the estate of William Hendrick late of Farmington deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges due from and arising upon said estate, together with necessaries allowed to the widow of said deceas'd, surmount the moveable inventoried part of said estate the sum of £48 17 0, L. money, and praying that liberty might be granted to her in conjunction with Mr. Aaron Day of said town, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £48 17 0, L. money, together with incidental charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and the same is hereby granted unto the said memorialist and the said Aaron Day, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £48 17 0, L. money, together with incidental charges arising thereon; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

Upon the memorial of Shubael Conant, administrator on the estate of the Honble Shubael Conant late of Mansfield deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that said deceas'd in his life time bargained and sold unto Timothy Dimmock jun^r, of said Mansfield about twenty-five acres of land and meadow in said township of Mansfield at a place called Bog Mine Meadow, and executed a bond to said Dimmock, dated the 6th day of February, 1771, for the penal sum of fifty pounds, money, conditioned for the delivery of a deed of said land by the 25th day of December, 1772; that said Dimmock gave security for the sum of thirty pounds, money, and has paid part of the same in the life time of said deceas'd; that a deed of said land has never been given to said Dimmock, and that the same has been reserved by order of court and has not been set out in the late distribution of the real estate of said deceas'd; praying for liberty to execute a deed to said Dimmock &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, upon the said Dimmock's paying the remainder of the said sum of thirty pounds agreeable to the tenor of said securities for the benefit of the heirs of said deceas'd, to make, execute and deliver a good and authentic deed of warranty to said Dimmock, his heirs and assigns, agreeable to the tenor and intention of the condition of the aforesaid bond.

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Upon the memorial of John McKee, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialist by the judgment of the honorable superior court in June last was convicted of harbouring and secreting some persons who were about to join the enemies of this and the United States, and sentenced to suffer one years imprisonment and forfeit all his estate; that in consequence of said judgment he was committed to the goal in Litchfield and there remained untill the 24th day of Feby last, when he was by order of the General Assembly removed to East Hadam, there to be confined within the limits of said town; that the memorialist is fully convinced of the iniquity of his conduct and is now heartily disposed to serve this and the other States in supporting their glorious cause; praying this Assembly that he may be released from his present confinement and that his estate may be restored to him: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to return to his family and use and improve his forfeited estate during the pleasure of this Assembly, on his paying such cost as may have accrued since his being confined in said East Hadam.

Upon the petition of Joseph Woodruff, of Woodbury in Litchfield county, shewing to this Assembly that he was indebted to Joel Stone of said Woodbury the sum of twenty-three pounds money, for security of which he conveyed a certain tract of land in said Woodbury to said Stone, of the value of eighty pounds, in nature of a mortgage, and was to have had a counter bond from said Stone for the reconveyance of said land upon the payment of said £23 0 0, but was providentially prevented, since which time said land has been seized for the use and benefit of this State; praying for relief, as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioner be and he is hereby permitted to improve said land, he paying to the selectmen in and for the town of Woodbury for the time being the lawfull interest of the debt due from the petitioner to said Stone, for the use of this State, during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Jesse Terrill and Mary Terrill, administrators on the estate of Noah Terrill late of Woodbury deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £44 5 7, lawfull money, and praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to make said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jesse Terrill have liberty and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to make said sum of £44 5 7, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Abigail Mills of Stratford, only surviving administratrix on the goods and estate of Capt. Treat Mills late of

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said Stratford deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd surmounting the moveable estate, upon application the General Assembly at their session in May, 1774, gave liberty to the memorialist and Ichabod Lewiss, Esqr, the other administrator, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as should amount to the sum of £453 9 9½, L. money, with incident charges, and that said Lewiss is since deceas'd and no sale has been made of said real estate; praying that some meet person may be appointed to assist in making sale of said real estate, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Adams, Esqr, of said Stratford with the memorialist be and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall amount to said sum of £453 9 9½, L. money, with the incident charges of such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate in and for the district of Fairfield therein.

On the memorial of Lemuel Parish of Canterbury, shewing to this Assembly that his son marched in Capt. Benjamin Bacon's company in September last for New York, and while his said son was in said State he fell from a loft in a barn when asleep, by which fall he fractured and broke the bone of his arm, and that the memorialist brought his said son from Stamford to Canterbury, where he was for a long time sick, and he expended large sums of money in getting him to said Canterbury and also whilst he was there sick; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table adjust the accounts referred to in said memorial and draw an order on the Treasurer for what they shall find to be justly due.

On the memorial of John Thomas of Woodbury, shewing that on the 28th day of June last he inlisted into the service of this State for the northern department in Capt. Lacy's company, Colo. Swift's regiment, began his march on the 18th of July, joined his regiment at Skeensborough on the 30th of said July, and served till the 5th of September last, when he fell sick of the camp distemper; that Capt. Lacey, the then commanding officer in that department advised him, if possible, to leave the camp and go into the country; that with the assistance of a friend from Woodbury who was there present with a spare horse, on the 11th of September he returned from camp; that he was advised by several physicians which he met to continue riding if he would save his life: he accordingly continued his journey and arrived home on the 18th of said September, extremely debilitated with his disorder, and that his expences for his sickness were very considerable; that he was unjustly, as he apprehends, returned as a deserter, by which he has been deprived of his wages and reimbursement of his expences; that he left the camp with reluctance, determined to return again if his health would permit, and that he is ever

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willing to serve his country to the utmost of his power; and praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed, on application of the memorialist, to receive, examine and adjust the accounts of his wages, expences for sickness and mileage untill he returned home, and draw on the Treasurer in his favour for what shall be found reasonably due and unpaid of the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Bull of Hartford, shewing that one of his family has taken the small pox by means unknown, whereby his family have been exposed, and also widow Sarah Butler, and three of the family of Moses Butler, to take the infection; praying for liberty to inoculate, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist's family and said other persons have liberty and they are hereby permitted, to take the infection of the small pox by inoculation at such place and conforming himself to such regulations as the major part of the selectmen of Hartford shall direct.

On the memorial of Ednah Allyn, administratrix on the estate of Jacob Allyn late of Groton deceased, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate, together with the sum allowed the widow for bringing the children up, surmount the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £22 17 4, for the payment of which the said administratrix has not a sufficiency in her hands; praying for liberty and authority that may be granted to some suitable person to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased as to raise said sum of £22 17 4, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority is hereby granted to Stephen Hurlburt of said Groton, to sell so much of the real estate of the said Jacob Allyn deceas'd as to raise the sum of £22 17 4, money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stonington therein.

The Sums Total of the Additions (single and fourfold) to the Lists of the several Towns in this State, sent in to this Assembly are as follows, viz:

	Single.			Fourfold.				Single.			Fourfold.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hartford,	5158	8	1	0	0	0	Preston,	937	8	0	717	16	0
Weathersfield,	558	0	8	262	0	0	Fairfield,	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farmington,	1888	17	0	1518	16	0	Stratford,	1100	0	0	0	0	0
Symsbury,	1150	0	0	0	0	0	New Fairfield,	461	3	9	846	18	0
Haddam,	1126	4	9	0	0	0	Greenwich,	3813	0	0	0	0	0
East Windsor,	75	0	3	0	0	0	Stamford,	32858	7	5	633	16	0
Willington,	607	18	9	0	0	0	Reading,	564	5	6	2354	7	2
East Haddam,	2236	14	0	0	0	0	Ridgfield,	2682	8	3	562	16	0
Suffield,	118	7	0	0	0	0	Norwalk,	1568	8	0	3537	17	4
Somers,	800	9	0	0	0	0	Danbury,	1383	12	0	0	0	0
Stafford,	173	5	0	0	0	0	Newtown,	2140	16	8	0	0	0
Bolton,	2051	1	0	115	4	0	Windham,	1247	16	3	145	4	0
Colchester,	2539	2	0	0	0	0	Lebanon,	2345	11	6	179	12	0
Enfield,	1289	10	0	42	16	0	Woodstock,	1727	15	0	0	0	0
Glastonbury,	0	0	0	0	0	0	Canterbury,	262	1	9	0	0	0
Midletown,	1150	0	0	0	0	0	Mansfield,	1196	14	6	0	0	0

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Chatham,	1479	10	0	865	4	0	Ashford,	1505	10	0	0	0	0
Windsor,	0	0	0	216	0	0	Pomfret,	3330	13	6	0	0	0
Hebron,	0	0	0	0	0	0	Plainfield,	452	12	0	0	0	0
Tolland,	401	11	0	0	0	0	Voluntown,	451	12	0	88	16	0
New Haven,	6951	4	9	0	0	0	Coventry,	1210	5	0	342	8	0
Waterbury,	1337	2	6	2545	16	0	Killingley,	1986	2	0	0	0	0
Derby,	709	18	6	0	0	0	Litchfield,	966	4	0	0	0	0
Wallingford,	6244	4	7½	2432	8	0	Woodbury,	5200	0	0	0	0	0
Milford,	472	5	7	892	4	0	Sharon,	459	18	0	771	19	0
Guilford,	0	0	0	724	14	0	New Milford,	565	11	9	871	18	0
Durham,	34	0	0	31	4	0	New Hartford,	175	12	0	259	0	0
Branford,	253	11	9	0	0	0	Kent,	2224	15	0	146	10	0
New London,	3727	14	0	0	0	0	Torrington,	535	10	0	168	8	0
Norwich,	4145	11	4	1022	17	0	Hartland,	401	10	0	48	0	0
Stonington,	1437	0	6	1567	2	0	Cornwall,	0	0	0	505	0	0
Saybrook,	576	0	7	275	12	0	Goshen,	842	19	6	487	4	0
Killingworth,	90	12	9	0	0	0	Canaan,	36	12	0	0	0	0
Groton,	3756	19	0	0	0	0	Harwington,	663	4	0	0	0	0
Lyme,	1080	5	0	2801	0	0	Salisbury,	651	16	0	167	2	0
							Westmoreland,	1383	0	0	1004	0	0

Upon the memorial of Lemuel Dorrance, of Voluntown in the county of Windham, administrator on the estate of Seth Pope late of said Voluntown deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that since he obtained liberty of this Assembly to sell real estate of said deceas'd to pay what debts then was exhibited against said estate there has been exhibited to the court of probate for the district of Plainfield debts due from said estate to the amount of £39 14 2, L. money; praying this Assembly for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay the said sum of £39 14 2, L. money: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator have liberty and liberty hereby is granted for him to sell so much of said real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said sum of £39 14 2, L. money, with the necessary charges arising thereon; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Roger Veits of Symsbury, clerk, shewing to this Assembly that in January last he was sentenced to one years imprisonment and to pay a fine of £20 0 0; praying to be enlarged, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby enlarged from his present confinement in prison, and is permitted to pass to and is hereby confined within said town of Symsbury for the same term for which he was sentenced to confinement by the honorable superior court, he paying cost of prosecution &c.: upon his giving bond with surety to the Treasurer of this State in the penal sum of one thousand pounds, lawfull money, conditioned that the memorialist shall not go out of the limits of said town of Symsbury, nor do or say anything against the United States of America or detrimental to their interest as such within the time for which he was sentenced to confinement as aforesaid.

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Upon the memorial of William Skinner, of Woodstock in the county of Windham, executor to the last will and testament of Mr. Abraham Skinner late of Woodstock deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts arising against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal or moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £76 7 4¾, as appears from the files of the records of the court of probate for the district of Pomfret, and no provision made in the last will and testament of the deceas'd to pay the same; praying this Assembly to impower the memorialist or some other meet person to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will pay said sum of £76 7 4¾ with the incident charges arising thereon, taking the direction of the court of probate therein, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that Jedediah Morss, Esqr, have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £76 7 4¾ with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Pomfret therein.

Upon the memorial of Zebulon Waterman of Colchester and report of a committee thereon, shewing to this Assembly that Jonathan Beckwith, of Lyme in the county of New London, has recovered judgment of the county court in New London county by default on an action of book-debt and another of covenant-broken, for large sums against William Brown, Esqr, of Salem, who is with the enemies of the United States of America, and that strict justice has not been done therein for want of tryals in said causes; that execution has been taken out on one of said judgments and is levied on a tract of land in Lyme belonging to said Brown, now improved by Benjamin and Jedidiah Beckwith of Lyme, taking from them a great part of said farm which they held and improved for the benefit of this State as the same with the other lands belonging to said Brown in the town of Lyme have been seized as belonging to an inimical person and as by judgment of said county court held and condemned for the purpose aforesaid: Resolved by this Assembly, that said two judgments recovered as aforesaid and the levy of said execution and all proceedings thereon be and the same are hereby set aside and declared to be null and void; and that the said Jonathan Beckwith is not hereby foreclosed from exhibiting his bill in equity, if he thinks proper, to the General Assembly of this State that justice and equity may be done between the parties concerned therein.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Tyler, jun^{r}, and others, inhabitants of the parish of Brookline and parts adjacent, representing to this Assembly the utility of their being formed and constituted a company of matrosses subject to a proper command, and that sundry spirited gentlemen have engaged to procure three or four light constructed field-pieces and equip them fit for service for the use of said company;

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praying this Assembly that they may be constituted an independent company &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to them, to form themselves and such others as shall join with them for the purpose of exercising three field-pieces, not exceeding twelve privates to one field-piece, into a company of matrosses and apply to any one of the field officers of the 21st regiment of militia in this State to lead them to the choice of the usual number of commission officers for such company and certify such choice to his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety for acceptance, and if accepted shall be accordingly commissioned by his Honor, and when formed and the officers commissioned as aforesaid shall belong to and be under the command of the chief officer of the twenty-first regiment: Provided that said field-pieces be procured and equipped and said choice certifyed by the first day of August next, and that none are included in said company that are inlisted into or holden by draughts or otherwise for the continental army.

Whereas the state of public affairs is such that this Assembly cannot attend to the hearing of private business between party and party: Resolved by this Assembly, that all petitions and memorials between party and party depending before this Assembly be referred for further consideration to the General Assembly to be holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next; and that all committees heretofore appointed on any of said petitions and memorials have power and are directed to hear, examine and report to said October Assembly; and also, that all protections of persons and estates from attachment, arrest and imprisonment, granted on any of said petitions and memorials, shall be continued and remain in full force till the rising of said Assembly in October next.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. William Williams, Colo. John Chester, Mr. Samuel Beach, Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. John Davenport, Capt. Jabez Huntington, Mr. John Canfield and Mr. John Jenkins, a committee to audit and adjust the state accounts with the Treasurer and make report of their doings in the premises to this Assembly.

This Assembly do grant to his Excellency Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, money, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grant his Excellency Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, money, for his extraordinary services in the year past, and order and direct the Treasurer to pay the same accordingly.

This Assembly grant his Honor Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds, money, for the first half of his salary the current year.

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This Assembly grant to John Lawrence, Esqr, Treasurer, the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds, as and for his salary the year past.

This Assembly grant to John Lawrence, Esqr, Treasurer, the sum of thirty pounds, money, for his extraordinary services the year past.

This Assembly grant to George Wyllys, Esqr, Secretary, the sum of twenty pounds, as and for his salary the year past, and direct the Treasurer to pay the same accordingly.

This Assembly was adjourned (by usual proclamation) until the Governor, or, in his absence, the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MAY 12TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r},	
Titus Hosmer,	Benj. Huntington,	

Voted, That Mr. Shaw be directed to give orders to Capt. Niles to land those provisions on board the *Spy* with Messrs. Deshon and Ledyard as commissaries, taking their receipts, and that Mr. Shaw be directed to give order to Capt. Niles what goods to bring on board said schooner from Bedford in her next voyage there, which is hereby directed to be performed as soon as may be.

Orders were given to the commanding officer of the forts of N. London and Groton, to order the troops draughted from the northern companies in Stonington to go directly to the forts at Stonington to man that place for defence, and that those draughted from the southern companies in Stonington return home and hold themselves in readiness to serve on the shortest notice for defence of those parts.

Orders were given to Capt. Palmer to remove the stores at Stonington back to some place of safety.

Gave orders to Mr. Andrew Huntington to cause the two guns now on ship carriages at Norwich Landing to be mounted on field carriages without delay.

Asahel Clark is appointed Ensign of Capt. Collins's company in Col. Bradley's regiment.

Dr. David How is appointed Surgeon's Mate to Col. Chandler's regiment in continental service.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MAY 14TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r},	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Titus Hosmer,		

Voted, To order Messrs. Doolittle and company to deliver 200*lb.* musquet powder to the selectmen of Durham, taking receipt, to be accountable.

Ordered d^{d} to Genl Wadsworth 14 May, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MAY 16TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Elip^{t} Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r},	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Consulted on sundry matters relative to the supplies promised to the soldiers from this State, as also with regard to sailing orders for brig *Defence.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, MAY 16TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Elip^{t} Dyer,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Bayze Wells, First Lieutenant in Capt. Kimball's company, instead of Nathan Parsons resigned in Col. Chandler's regiment.

Lemuel Hitchcock is appointed Second Lieutenant in the same company, instead of Bayze Wells promoted.

Dr. Theodore Wadsworth is appointed to be Surgeon's Mate in Col. Douglas's regiment in continental service, instead of Dr. Todd resigned.

Mr. Elijah Hubbard is appointed Commissary and Superintendent of the stores of supplies and refreshments to be provided by this State for the continental troops from Connecticut.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, MAY 19TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Nath^{ll} Wales,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Titus Hosmer,		

Voted, That orders be given to Capt. Robert Niles of the Schooner *Spy* to put his schooner into a posture fit for a cruise and inlist a crew to serve not exceeding the first of January next, and for such time as he can engage them for within that term.

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Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of three hundred pounds in favour of Capt. Robert Niles of the schooner *Spy*, for the publick use and to be accounted for. *Order d^d to Capt. Niles May 19th*, 1777.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of ninety pounds in favour of Joseph King of Middletown for the same sum advanced by him for Capt. Jared Sheppard for the 20*s*. advance pay for his company.

Order d^d to Mr. Hosmer.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, MAY 20TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq^rs.
Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Nath^ll Wales jun^r,	
	Benj. Huntington,	

Voted and Resolved, That Col. Samuel Mott be and he is hereby appointed Engineer, to oversee and direct the constructing and carrying on the fortifications and works of defence begun and carrying on at New London and Groton, and to cause any proper redoubts or works to be erected on any neighbouring hills which might command Fort Trumbull, and which may be useful to annoy or resist the progress of the enemy; to serve for such term as shall be judged necessary, not exceeding six months; and that he be directed to repair to New London with all convenient speed and lose no time in giving necessary orders and directions in the premises; and the commanding officer on that station is to afford him all necessary assistance of men, materials &c., for the purpose aforesaid; and the officers and soldiers are to yield all due obedience to the orders and directions of said engineer in this behalf.

Voted, That the commander in chief at the forts at N. London and Groton be and he is hereby directed to employ two whale-boats properly manned to ply in the harbour and sound near New London and the adjacent coasts, especially in the night season and thick weather, to observe the motions of the enemy in the Sound and on Long Island &c., as he shall judge necessary and convenient from time to time and at the present time, and to give notice of the same, to prevent a surprize at those posts.

Copy d^d to the Governor.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, MAY 21ST, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^rs.
Jabez Huntington,	Nath^ll Wales jun^r,	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	
Titus Hosmer,		

Voted, To give orders to the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury to cast two suitable pans for making salt, for William Fowler of Guilford, and the same deliver to him, he paying therefor.

Ordered d^d to Wm. Fowler May 21st, 1777.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, MAY 22D, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Benj. Huntington.

Voted, To direct the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury and they are hereby directed, to employ and set a proper guard at the furnace at that place, as they with the advice of the civil authority and selectmen of Salisbury shall judge to be needful.

Voted, To give orders to the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury and they are hereby ordered, to advance the £50 0 0, towards the building the bridge over Ousatunnuck River where wanted for the use of the furnace, on account of this State.

Voted, To direct the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury to mount two four or six-pounders on travelling carriages as field-pieces.

Voted, That Mr. Chauncey Whittelsey of Middletown be and he is hereby appointed and directed to procure a warrant and seize the wheat in the hands of John Birdsey and his sons in Middletown for the use of this State, leaving them enough for their own necessary consumption, and cause the same to be floured as soon as may be, and deliver fifty bushels of wheat to the selectmen of Saybrook for the use of the troops in the fort there, paying said Birdsey and sons the lawful price for the same.

Gave orders to Mr. Benj. Henshaw to borrow one hundred bushels of salt of Capt. Jer^{h} Wadsworth, for the use of the furnace.

Gave orders to Capt. Jabez Perkins at Norwich to send by water to Middletown to the care of Capt. Benj. Henshaw three hogsheads of molasses, two hogsheads of N. England rum, one hogshead of West India rum, one hogshead of sugar, for the use of the furnace.

Gave orders to Mr. Whittlesey of Middletown to supply Capt. Henshaw with what tow cloth and bags he wants for the use of the furnace at Salisbury.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MAY 23D, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r},	
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,	

Considered of what measures will be needful to be taken to supply the Connecticut troops with proper refreshments &c. And Mr. Wales and B. Huntington are directed to prepare a draught for instructions to be given to the commissaries of supplies &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MAY 24TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Elip^{t} Dyer,	Wm Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
William Williams,	Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r},	
Titus Hosmer,	Benj. Huntington,	

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Voted, To give the following powers and instructions to the commissary of supplies and refreshments for the troops raised in this State for the continental army, *viz:*

To Mr. Elijah Hubbard:

Sir: You being appointed commissary of supplies and refreshments for the troops raised in this State for the continental army, you will, therefore, without delay purchase one good team or waggon with horses to each battalion, and employ a faithful, trusty man to each to drive and take care of the same, and them load with rum, sugar, molasses and cloathing, belonging to this State in the hands of such gentlemen as you shall be directed to from time to time, who are hereby directed to transmit and deliver to you or your order such supplies as you want with an account of what they have on hand from time to time, without further directions from this Board. At present there is West India rum and sugar in the hands of Capt. Ephraim Bill, salt in the hands of Capt. Jabez Perkins, New England rum and cloathing in the hands of Mr. Andrew Huntington of Norwich, cloathing, rum and sugar in the hands of Capt. Joshua Elderkin of Windham, cloathing in the hands of Mr. Chauncey Whittelsey of Middletown, Col. Jonathan Fitch of New Haven, Capt. Samuel Squire of Fairfield, Messrs. David Webb and Dan[l] Gray of Stamford, and Mr. Abel Hine of New Milford; and transport and secure such stores in the safest places you can near the continental army, using your prudence in that respect. And you will be assisted by some person appointed to take care [of] and oversee the stores in about the camp &c., as shall be needful, as also an issuing commissary to each battalion. You are also impowered to impress such teams, boats &c. as you shall have occasion for at any time to remove or transport any stores &c., and to employ such persons you find needful to execute the design of your appointment; and in cases of danger and difficulty you will advise with the principal officers of the army where you shall be and apply to them for necessary guard and protection. You have power in all cases of difficulty to take such measures as you with the best advice you can obtain shall judge prudent, and to purchase such articles as you find wanting and can obtain. You will be careful to provide forage and provender for your teams, cattle and horses, in such manner as you find most needful and convenient. Your assistant and issuing commissaries will be appointed and apply to you for their orders. You will direct the issuing commissaries what quantities of rum &c. to deliver to each soldier at a time, and how often, unless otherwise ordered by his captain or commanding officer. All articles to be delivered at the door of the tent or store and the receiver to depart immediately, that others may be served in their turn. An exact account of articles delivered to each soldier to be kept and transmitted to the paymaster of each regiment respectively, to be deducted out of the wages when paid. When a regiment is divided, the divisions must be supplied by the issuing commissary of the regiment where they happen to be and a separate account kept and transmitted to the issuing commissary of the regiment to which the division belongs; or in case the division is removed to a place so distant from their own or any other regiment that they cannot be supplied by their commissary, they must have some person specially assigned to that service, who will keep the account and transmit the same to the regimental commissary in the manner aforesaid.

You will keep an account of all disbursements and expences by you

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made, as well as monies received, and have the same in proper order for settlement at proper times.

The troops now at Peekskill are in present want of supplies; your first attention must, therefore, be to their relief: and see to it that others are furnished with necessaries as they take the field.

What further instructions, additions and alterations, are needful on the occasion shall be delivered you hereafter.

An attested copy was delivered to Mr. Elijah Hubbard May 24th, 1777.

per BENJ. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, MAY 28TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esqrs.
Wm. Williams,	Nathll Wales, jun,	
Titus Hosmer,	Danl Sherman,	
Benj. Payne,	Andrew Adams,	
Benj. Huntington,		

Consulted on sundry matters with regard to the necessary defence of the sea coast and frontiers of this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, MAY 29TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Benj. Payne,	Esqrs.
Wm. Williams,	Danl Sherman,	
Titus Hosmer,	Andrew Adams,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	Benj. Huntington,	
Nathl Wales junr,		

The Committee now newly appointed and reappointed by the General Assembly now sitting have the first meeting of said new committee.

Voted, That the schooner *Miflin*, under command of Capt. Timothy White, be and the same with the officers and crew on board are hereby discharged from the service of this State, and Capt. White is directed to deliver up said schooner and all the stores on board belonging to the continent to the agent for the continent, taking receipt; and what stores are on board belonging to this State are to be delivered to Brigr Genl Silliman, or where he shall order the same.

Voted, That Mr. Royal Flint of Windham is appointed an Assistant Commissary with Mr. Elijah Hubbard appointed commissary of supplies and refreshments for the troops from this State in the continental army, with a captain's pay and rations to each of them whilst in camp, and necessary expences to be paid them in lieu of rations when in service out of the camp. Necessary horses to be provided by the State.

Voted, That the pay and rations of the issuing commissaries of supplies and refreshments shall be nine pounds per month and two rations *per diem.*

James Jones of Middletown is appointed to be one of the Issuing Com-

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missaries of Supplies and Refreshments to the troops from this State in continental service.

David Breed of Norwich is appointed to be one of the Issuing Commissaries of Supplies and Refreshments to the troops from this State in continental service.

The account of Capt. John Chenevard for one half the expence of building the yard round Hartford goal, being £77 9 1½, is allowed, and voted to draw on the Pay-Table for that sum £77 9 1½

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £11 10 1, in favour of Mr. Elijah Hubbard, it being the ballance of his account against the State for a journey with a team to Salisbury. *Order d^d to Mr. Hosmer May 29th*, 1777.

Voted, To give liberty to Capt. Smedley to consort with the privateer belonging to Thos. Mumford, Esqr, and others, in a cruise, or not as he pleases.

May 29th, The Governor sent Cap. Smedley at Bedford *viz:* his commission dated 25th April, 1777, and sailing orders, and also three blank commissions for him to fill up for subaltern officers, one of his lieutenants, *viz:*
Leads, being dead. Sent by from Hartford by who was present on business with Mr. Shaw.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Hartford, May 30th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Benj. Huntington,	Esq^rs.
Wm. Williams,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Titus Hosmer,	Danl Sherman,	
Benj. Payne,	Andrew Adams,	

Voted, That this Council consent that Nathl Shaw jun^r, Esq, may purchase of Col. Porter at Salisbury six pieces of his cannon, paying him (Col. Porter) for the same.

Jabez Smith is appointed to be Surgeon's Mate in Col. Philip Burr Bradley's battalion in continental service.

William Little jun^r of Lebanon is appointed to be an Issuing Commissary of Supplies and Refreshments for the Connecticut troops in the continental service.

James Davenport of Stamford is appointed to be an Issuing Commissary of Supplies and Refreshments for the Connecticut troops in the continental army. (*who has since declined.*)

Ithamer Bingham is appointed to be an Issuing Commissary of Supplies and Refreshments for the Connecticut troops in the continental army.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Hartford, May 31st, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Benj. Payne,
Wm. Williams,	Benj. Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,	Wm. Hillhouse,

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Voted, To order the Pay-Table to receive and liquidate the account of Messrs. Smith and Coit, for sundry medicines delivered to Doct^r Russell for the use of the army in the northern department, and draw on the Treasurer for the same and charge the continent.

Voted, To give orders on the overseers of the cannon foundery, to sell to Danl Tyler & Co. three cannon, three-pounders, taking the customary price for the same. *Order given, d^d to Mr. Tyler.*

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for fifteen hundred pounds, in favour of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr, commissary of the troops at Groton, and to be in account. *Order drawn May 31st, 1777, d^d to David Latham.*

Voted, That orders be given to Samuel Elliot jun^r, Esqr, of Boston, agent to this State, to sell one hundred barrels of beef and pork and forty firkins of butter, taken in the prize now at Plymouth by the brig *Defence*, to the inhabitants of Plymouth at the lawful price for those articles in the State of the Massachusets Bay, to be accounted for according to sales.

Voted, That one half of the militia at the forts at N. London and Groton be drawn off by lot and dismissed, and that the whole of the militia companies at Stonington be likewise dismissed, and the officers at those posts are hereby directed to see that the same be done accordingly.

William Seymour is appointed to be Lieutenant of the artillery company in Norwalk, and John Ben to be Lieutenant of the artillery company at Stamford.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, JUNE 1ST, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Abraham Davenport,
Benj. Payne,
Benj. Huntington,
William Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
} Esq^rs.

Intelligence being received from Col. Burrell of the 14th regiment of militia that an attack is apprehended at Tyconderoga and that troops are wanted for their assistance: Voted that the following orders should be given to Col. Burrell, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
By the Captain General.

To Charles Burrell, Esqr, Colonel of the 14th regiment in this State, GREETING:

Yours of yesterday with the copy of Genl Poor's and Genl Fellows' intelligence is received; and thereon you are hereby ordered, by advice of the Council of Safety, first deducting the overseers, clerk, moulders, fire-men, colliers, oar-diggers, and such others as are necessarily employed at the cannon foundery in Salisbury, forthwith to order the residue of the regiment under your command to be in readiness whenever called, and to draught one half of the same by rotation according to law with a suitable number of officers; see them armed, equipped and furnished with ammunition, knapsacks, blankets, and so much provision to carry with them as you shall judge necessary. In the meantime you are to send on an express to

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gain intelligence, and 'tis left to you, on receiving intelligence, at your discretion to march all or so many of them, either the half mentioned, more or less, as the urgency of the case may require.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JUNE 2D, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Benj. Huntington,	Esqrs.
Titus Hosmer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Benj. Payne,	Nathl Wales junr,	

Voted and resolved, To give orders to the commanding officers of the militia in service at New Haven, and the same is hereby given, to draught men sufficient for one company of ninety, including officers, from those in service there, and appoint the officers, to remain in service there untill further orders, and that the rest of said militia be dismissed from that post.

Voted, That the parole of Mr. Abraham Woodhull of Long Island, taken lately on board a vessell in the sound by the *Schuyler* sloop of war, now in this town, shall be taken, that he will neither do or say anything against the United States of America or their interest, and to return to this State when called for, and that he be permitted to return to Long Island upon his giving his parole as aforesaid.

Rufus Backus Abel is appointed to be Paymaster of the battalion lately commanded by Jedh Huntington, Esqr, now Brigr Genl Huntington.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD, JUNE 3D, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Benj. Payne,	Esqrs.
Wm. Hillhouse,	
Andrew Adams,	
Benj. Huntington,	

Voted, That Col. Henry Champion be and he is hereby ordered to deliver to the selectmen of Saybrook eight barrels of beef and nine barrels of pork, for the use of the troops there in service, taking receipt.

Voted, That orders be and the same are hereby given to Capt. Ventris, commander of the troops at SayBrook, to draw off fifty men by lot from the companies there, together with officers in proportion, and dismiss them; and the rest to remain with a sufficient number of officers, formed into one company, until further orders.

On the representation of Messrs. Peter Vandervort and Richardson Sands that Mr. Thomas T. Jackson of N. York, lately taken on board an unarmed vessell going from N. York to Rhode Island, by a privateer belonging to Stonington, is desirous to come to Hartford and take a part with this country, and that he has in times pass'd been esteemed a warm friend to this country &c.; praying that he may have that liberty under restrictions &c.: Voted and resolved by this Board, that said Thomas T. Jackson be permitted to come to Hartford in company with said Richardson

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Sands; and the committee at Stonington are hereby directed to suffer him, the said Jackson, to come with said Sands accordingly.

Voted and resolved, To give orders to arrest Wm. Stewart of New London, as he is one of the owners of the vessell [blank] commanded lately taken by the *Schuyler,* Capt. Hawley, going with provision in to the enemy to New York, and that he be examined touching said vessell and cargo.

Whereas Mr. [Peter] Colt of New Haven has supplied the militia troops at New Haven with rations belonging to the continent, which ought to have been supplied by this State: Therefore voted and resolved, that this Board will indemnify and save the said Colt harmless and make good to him the supplies which he has afforded as aforesaid.

Voted and resolved, To give orders to Capt. Wm. Ledyard and he is hereby ordered, to procure what necessary artillery stores he can, such as shot &c., if they can be had from the furnace, at the eastward, or otherwise.

Mem. June 2d, in Council of Safety, 1777.

Voted, That orders be given and the same are hereby given to Mr. Samuel Elliot junr, agent to this State, to deliver to Capt. Robert Niles two of the cannon at Dartmouth or Bedford belonging to this State, for the use of the *Spy,* and that Capt. Niles have his choice of those cannon.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Hartford, June 4th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Titus Hosmer,	Nathl Wales,	Esqrs.
Benj. Payne,	Danl Sherman,	
Benj. Huntington,	Andrew Adams,	
Wm. Hillhouse,		

Voted, To direct Capt. David Latham and he is hereby ordered, to unlade the salt and what other cargo is on board the vessell he lately arrived with at Boston and store the same there, and also unbend the sails and store them in a loft or otherwise, and lay up the vessell under the care of some trusty person, using his prudence therein, until further orders, and discharge the people.

Voted, That orders be and the same are hereby given to the overseers of the furnace, to supply such persons as apply to them for salt-pans as fast as they can consistently with the casting of cannon, which must not be interrupted: observing the order of the applications, that every one may have his turn. The overseers to set a reasonable price for such pans and receive the pay, to render their account.

Voted, To refer the examination and adjustment of the furnace accounts for the last blast to a committee to be agreed on by this Board with Col. Joshua Porter the late overseer of the furnace; which committee are to hear, examine and state said accounts, and report the same to the Governor and Council of Safety. And Messrs. Andrew Adams and John Canfield are nominated by this Board to be of said committee, who together with Capt. Lynde Lord are agreed upon by Col. Porter; and they, or any two of them, are appointed and desired to take upon them the trust above mentioned.

John Felch of Canterbury, Sylvester Dearing of Middletown, and Nathan Preston of Woodbury, are appointed by this Board to be Issuing Commis-

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sary of Supplies and Refreshments to the Connecticut troops in the continental service.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JUNE 5TH, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Abraham Davenport, Wm. Hillhouse,
Titus Hosmer, Nath[ll] Wales jun[r],
Benj. Payne, Dan[ll] Sherman,
Benj. Huntington, Andrew Adams, } Esq[rs].

P. m., The Deputy Governor.
Gen[l] Huntington.

Considered of the accounts of Capt. Roberts in some particulars not determined by the committee, and deducted 16*s.* 6 from the charge of a horse three journies to Lebanon and Windham, £5 0 0 rendezvous at his house, and £21 18 1½ for rations, being £27 14 7½ in the whole to be deducted, and the remainder is allowed, the rations having been inserted by him since the committee considered the matter, so that £5 16 6 is deducted from their computation and allowed, £7 4 0 to be added for 2 journeys to N. London and expences.

His Honor the Governor communicated a letter from Col. Meigs in pressing terms for cloathing for his men, upon which is advised and concluded to be left for his Honor the Governor to write to the clothier general at Boston for supplies of that kind, and that a copy of Col. Meigs's letter be sent to him inclosed.

P. M. Lt. Stephen Betts is appointed Captain of a company in Col. Charles Webb's battalion, instead of Capt. Nath[l] Goodwin deceas'd. Second Lieutenant Seth Weed is appointed First Lieutenant of the same company; Ensign Silas Benham is appointed Second Lieutenant of the same company; Serg[ts] Isaac Keeler is appointed Ensign of the same company.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 7TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Gen[l] Jabez Huntington,
William Pitkin,
Abr[m] Davenport,
Benj. Payne, } Esq[rs].

Also Daniel Sherman and Andrew Adams, Esq[rs], P.M.

Voted, That the ballance of Eliphalet Roberts' (late captain of marines belonging to the ship *Oliver Cromwell*) account, being £126 5*s.* 2*d.* be paid Capt. William Coit as paymaster to said ship, and that the further sum of one hundred pounds, lawful money, be paid to said Coit on account of said ship, and that a draft be made on the Pay-Table for the same.

Order delivered to said Coit.

This Board do appoint Isaac Swift to be Surgeon's Mate to Col. Heman Swift's regiment.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, ON THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Abr^{m} Davenport,	Daniel Sherman,	Esq^{rs}.
Genl James Wadsworth jun^{r},	Benj. Payne,	
William Hilhouse,	And^{w} Adams,	

Voted and resolved by this Board, That the managers of Salisbury furnace do (as soon as they can) the making of cannon notwithstanding, furnish and cast for Mr. Moses Craft four salt-pans of as large a construction as may be, the larger the better; for which they are to receive of the said Craft at the rate of fifty shillings per hundred weight, and render their account.

Voted, That be and he is hereby authorized to receive to the amount of sixty bushells of the salt belonging to the State of Connecticut of the hands of the store keepers of said salt, giving his receipt for the same; and when received to be transported to Simsbury for the use of said Simsbury and towns adjacent so far as the same will hold out, according to the proportion hereafter to be made, and his Excellency the Governor is requested to draw an order for the same.

Voted, That David Lawrey of Weathersfield be and he is hereby exempted from all future military service during the time he shall be employed by this State in making gun-locks.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, ON THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Abr^{m} Davenport,	Benjamin Payne,	Esq^{rs}.
Genl Wadsworth,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	
Danl Sherman,	And^{w} Adams,	
William Hilhouse,		

Benjamin Welles of Stanford be and he hereby is appointed an Issuing Commissary of Supplies and Refreshments to the Connecticut troops in continental service.

Voted, That the Honble Jabez Huntington, Nathl Wales jun^{r} and Benja. Huntington, Esq^{rs}, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to adjust and settle with Capt. Wm. Coit all his accounts which relate to the ship *Oliver Cromwell,* the officers and ship's crew on board the same, except the pay and wages of said officers and crew, which have been referr'd to Capt. John De Shon &c., a committee heretofore appointed for that purpose; and to observe that no clerical mistakes have happen'd therein; and also to call for, adjust and settle the accounts of Nathl Shaw, jun^{r}, Esqr, against this State for the articles found and provisions made by him for said ship and crew, and for all his demands against this State on account of said ship, and his service in every respect; and report make to this Board.

Voted, To lend to Coll. Matthew Talcott of Middletown three swivel guns, four dozen swivel-gun shot, with a wormer and ladle, now at Newlondon in the care of Nath^{ll} Shaw jun^{r}, Esqr, agreeable to his request by letter on file dated 9th June, 1777, in which he agrees to be accountable for the

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same; and the said Mr. Shaw is hereby directed to deliver the same to said Coll. Talcott accordingly, taking his receipt therefor.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Capt. Wm. Coit for the sum of two hundred pounds towards the pay and wages of the officers and crew of the ship *Oliver Cromwell.*

Eodem die, order drawn and delivered to Capt. Coit.

Liberty is granted to John Fagan, a sergeant in the 55th regiment, now a prisoner of war in Hartford, to go to Newyork in order to procure cloathing &c. for the prisoners of war belonging to sundry regiments, upon his proper parole not to say or do anything in any manner to the prejudice or detriment of this or any of the United States of America, and to return in sixteen days from the date of his parole; and that he be furnished with a proper passport accordingly.

Voted, That Timo. Keyes be authorized to receive of the store-keepers of salt belonging to the State of Connecticut now at Boston, the quantity of thirty bushells of salt for the use of the inhabitants of the town and county of Westmoreland; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to draw an order for the same accordingly, the said Keyes having paid the sum of fifteen pounds for said salt to Benja. Payne, Esqr, by order of this Board.

Order drawn and dd to said Keyes.

On return of Capt. Ebenr Heath of Willington, certifying the choice of Sergt Jedidiah Amidown to be duly chosen a Captain of the 10th military company in the 22d regiment of militia in this State, and Sergt Richard Pearl to be duly chosen a Lieutenant in said company, who are by this Board established in the several offices to which they are respectively certifyed to be chosen.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUTT ON THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honour the Deputy Governor.

Abrm Davenport,	Benjamin Payne,	Esqrs.
Danll Sherman,	Genl Wadsworth,	
Nathll Wales junr,	Titus Hosmer,	
William Hilhouse,	Andw Adams,	

Upon the request of Jesse Brown of Norwich, shewing to this Board that he has been employed as a post rider, by means whereof he has not had opportunity to supply himself with cloathing or with the necessary materials for manufacturing the same; praying for liberty to purchase a quantity of flax belonging to this State, now in the hands of Mr. James Church of Hartford &c.: Whereupon it is resolved by this Board, that the said Brown be permitted to receive of the said Church one hundred weight of said flax at the price of 10*d.* per pound, with the incident charges that have arisen thereon. *Order dd to said Brown.*

Voted, That the painters colours belonging to this State, now at Boston, be brought into this State, to be disposed of as occasion may require.

Voted, That the non-commission officers and soldiers already raised and station'd on the sea-coast in this State, who are desirous of inlisting into the two battalions now raising in the same, be permitted to inlist accordingly;

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and that upon their so inlisting and furnishing themselves according to the provision made in the act of Assembly past for the raising said two battalions, they be paid off their wages &c. to the time of their inlistment exclusive of any bounty, and that they be thereupon intitled to the same bounty, wages &c., and be in all respects under the same regulations as the non-commission officers and soldiers in said two battalions; and in case they shall not incline to inlist themselves anew, they are to be holden on their present inlistments.

On return of Reuben Rose, captain of the eleventh military company in the second regiment of militia in this State, of the choice of Mr. Edward Mulford to be Ensign of said company, in consequence of orders from his Excellency the Governor: Resolved by this Board, that the said Edward Mulford be and he is hereby established an Ensign in said company.

Voted, That the account this day exhibited by Colo. Elderkin and Esqr Wales, respecting the powder-mill at Windham, to the 9th day of June, 1777, be approved; by which there appears to be a ballance due to them of £758 3*s.* 7*d.*; and that the Committee of Paytable be directed to draw an order on the Treasurer for the same. *Order delivered Esqr Wales.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUTT ON THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honour the Deputy Governor.

Abr^{m} Davenport,	Benja. Pain,
Titus Hosmer,	Nath^{n} Wales jun^{r},
Genl Wadsworth,	And^{w} Adams,
Danl Sherman,	

Voted, That a captain's commission be granted to Hilliard of Stratford, who commanded a company and did the duty of a captain in a battalion commanded by Colo. Samuel Whiting in one of the four battalions ordered to be raised in this State in November last; said commission to bear date the 2^{d} day of Dec^{r}, 1776.

Voted, That the same pay and wages be granted to the officers and soldiers in the several companies of matrosses now in the service of this State or raising in the same for the particular defence thereof, as is allow'd by Congress to the officers of equal rank and privates in the companies of matrosses in continental service.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Bull, now resident in Hartford, shewing to this board that he has effects of considerable value in Westchester in the State of Newyork, praying for liberty to go to Westchester in order to secure the same &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Board, that the memorialist have liberty and the same is hereby granted him, to go to said Westchester in order to secure his effects as pray'd for; upon his proper parole for that purpose to be taken by his Excellency the Governor, who is hereby requested to take the same and grant him a passport for that purpose accordingly, for such reasonable time as to his Excellency may seem proper.

Whereas Mr. Thos. Bidwell, who some time past contracted to supply this State with a quantity of sulphur to be manufactured in the same, in which contract the time of two years was limited for performing the same, and was to have been supplyed with proper materials by this State for the purpose

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of manufacturing the same, which contract has not been able to be performed on the part of this State, by means whereof the said Bidwell has been at much expence, and the time agreed upon very much elaps'd; whereupon the General Assembly in October last lengthened out said time and made some reasonable allowance to the said Bidwell for his expence to that time and referr'd the further execution of said contract to this Board: and said materials not having yet been procured and the said Bidwell having been put to further expence and loss of time: Whereupon it is resolved by this Board, that the time of two years be allow'd to the said Bidwell for performing his said contract from the time of his receiving said materials, and that he be allow'd for his time and expences since the allowance made by said Assembly in the same proportion and according to the same rule as was allow'd by said Assembly; and he having exhibited his account thereof to this Board, amounting to the sum of £89 11*s.* 0*d.*, which is allow'd and approv'd, and the Committee of Paytable is hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer for said sum accordingly. *Order for the above sum deliver'd Mr. Hosmer.*

Voted, That the managers of the furnace at Salisbury be and they are hereby directed without loss of time, to make and cast as many iron pots and receivers for Mr. Thomas Bidwell, to be used for manufacturing sulphur, as he shall request, agreeable to an act of Assembly past for that purpose.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUTT ON THE 13TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Abr^{m} Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	Esq^{rs}.
Genl Wadsworth,	Danl Sherman,	
Titus Hosmer,	And^{w} Adams,	

Upon the application of the authority, selectmen and committee of inspection, in [and] for the town of Killingsworth. representing to this Board that John Wilcocks and James Ward, both of Killingworth, who were some time since sent to the town of Willington as persons dangerous and unfriendly to this State &c., have manifested their repentance and discovered a more friendly disposition; praying that they might be permitted to return home &c.: Whereupon it is resolved by this Board, that the said John Wilcocks and James Ward, upon their severally taking the oath of fidelity provided by law, be releas'd from their present confinement at Willington and permitted to return to Killingworth, to remain under the direction of the civil authority and selectmen and committee of inspection in said town of Killingworth.

Voted, That the Commissaries Hubbard and Flint be and they are hereby directed (either by themselves or such other persons as they may think proper to employ for that purpose) to purchase one hundred tuns of flour for the use and at the expence of this State, and to cause the same, or such part thereof as may be in their power, to be transported to Hartford and such other places as may be hereafter directed, by the returning teams employed by this State in transporting refreshments &c. to the continental army, giving advice from time to time of their proceedings in the premises.

Whereas the General Assembly at their sessions in May last past a resolve

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that the officers and soldiers belonging to this State, who were ingaged in the continental army in the year 1776 should be intitled to the same provisions and allowance for their losses, expences &c., in the same manner and under the same regulations, as had been granted and allow'd in the premises to the officers and soldiers in the new levies and militia, and directed the Committee of the Pay-Table to receive and adjust their accounts, draw orders, &c.; which committee now inform this Board, that they are advised that the Honble Continental Congress have made provision for paying said continental officers and soldiers all the wages due to them and for all such fire-arms as they have lost, and have already paid in those cases where application has been made; by means whereof there is danger of double payment being made in many instances and thereby great loss happen to this State; requesting the advice of this Board in the premises: Resolved by this Board, that it is advisable for said committee to suspend all payments to said officers and soldiers for their wages or arms until they can be fully advised of the proceeding of the Congress relative thereto, so as to give a rule to said committee how to proceed with safety to this State; and that said committee take care in such way as they judge proper to save such sums as they may have already paid to any of the said officers or soldiers.

An account was exhibited by Nathl Wales jun^r, Esqr, for sundry services and disbursements for this State by order of this Board, amounting in the whole to the sum of £22 8*s.* 1*d.*, which being examined and allowed, an order was drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table for the same accordingly and delivered to Esqr Wales.

The selectmen of Milford exhibited an account to this Board for sundry services and disbursements expended in taking care of the fort &c. in said Milford, amounting in the whole to the sum of six pounds seven shillings and six pence, which being examin'd and allow'd an order is drawn on the Pay-Table for the same accordingly and delivered to Esqr Pain of Hartford.

Upon the request of William Witter, belonging to Hackinsack in the Jersey, shewing to this Board that while he was going after a doctor for his wife, who was dangerously sick, he was taken by the adherents to the King of Great Britain and compell'd to stand upon guard where he was retaken by the troops belonging to the United States, and from thence brought to Weathersfield in this State, where he is now held as a prisoner of war and is in a very ill state of health; praying for liberty to return home &c.: Resolved by this Board, that the said Witter be and he is hereby permitted to return home to his family, and his Excellency the Governor is desired to grant him a passport for that purpose accordingly.

The commissaries appointed to purchase refreshments in the several counties having returned to his Excellency the Governor that they cannot purchase any West India goods for the use of said troops in their respective countys, and this Board being inform'd that there are large quantities of West India goods in the hands of sundry persons in the countys of Hartford, Newhaven, Newlondon and Windham: Voted and resolved, that his Excellency the Governor be desired to issue his warrants to the sheriffs and other proper officers in said countys, commanding them to impress and take from such persons in said countys in whose hands the same may be found the several kinds and quantities of West India goods underwritten, and the same deliver to Elijah Hubbard of Middletown in Hartford county, commissary of supplys for said troops, taking his receipt; and that they make

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speedy return, that proper orders may be given to the owners of such goods the prices and value of the same as limited by law, *viz:*

	Rum.	Sugar.	Molasses.	Coffee.
In Hartford county,	10 hhds.	20 hhds.	40 hhds.	7000 *lb.*
New Haven county,	4 hhds.	10 hhds.	20 hhds.	3000 *lb.*
New London county,	6 do.	10 do.	20 do.	5000 do.
Windham county,	6 do.			10 000 do.

Voted, That an order be given to Mr. Adam Babcock to receive fifty barrells of beef and pork belonging to this State that are now at Bedford in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, for the ship *Fanny*, in return for sundry articles furnish'd to sundry privateers &c. belonging to this State.

Upon application of George Folliot of Ridgfield, representing that he had been committed to Fairfield goal as a person inimical to the rights of America &c. in order for his tryal before the superior court; that before the sitting of said court he procured bail for his appearance and return'd home, soon after; and that before the session of said court he was bro't before the Assembly's committee as a dangerous person and by them recommitted to Fairfield goal, where he was confined till after the session of said superior court, when nothing appearing against him he was inform'd by his council that he was dismiss'd from said prosecution before said court but must be held in custody by virtue of the mittimus of said committee until regularly dismiss'd, and declaring his friendliness to the American cause and his willingness to take the oath of fidelity, to take up arms &c.; praying for a liberation from his imprisonment in Hartford goal where he is now confined, having been removed from Fairfield: Resolved by this Board, that the said George Foliot (upon his paying all the cost of his prosecution and confinement and taking the oath of fidelity prescribed by law) be liberated and discharged from his present imprisonment by virtue of the mittimus granted by said Assembly's committee.

Voted, That the commissarys appointed to purchase necessary refreshments for the supply of the troops from this State in the several countys be and they are hereby directed to purchase for the use of said troops within their respective districts, as large quantities of the following articles as may be in their power, *viz:* Rum, New England and West India, muscovado sugar, molasses, coffee, chocolate, cheese, tobacco, woolen cloaths for vests and breeches, linen shirting, tow-cloath, shoes, stockings, yarn and linen, felt hats, one pipe of wine, madeira, lisbon or canary, in each county.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON, JUNE 20TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
The Hon. Jabez Huntington.
Titus Hosmer, Nath[l] Wales jun[r].
Thad[s] Burr, Benj. Huntington.

Voted, That the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury sell and deliver to Captain Hezekiah Huntington of Windham, or his order, one tun of pig iron at the customary price, as soon as they conveniently can, without interrupting such orders as are already given them for other purposes.

Order for the above deliver'd to Capt. Hz. Huntington.

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Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for fifteen hundred pounds, in favour of Mr. Andrew Huntington, for the purchase of cloathing and mounting cannon for this State, and to be in account.

Order drawn June 20th, dd to Genl Huntington.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, June 21st, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Honl Jabez Huntington, Nathl Wales junr, Titus Hosmer, Benj Huntington, Thaddeus Burr, } Esqrs.

It being represented to this Board on the behalf of Mary Codwise of the State of New York, that Ezekiel Williams, Esqr, sheriff of Hartford county, hath impressed and taken seven hogsheads of sugar, being her property, for the use of this State, by virtue of a warrant from his Excellency the Governor, which was about to be transported to the State of New York for the use of the inhabitants of said State, agreeable to the encouragement given by his Excellency the Governor to the Convention of the State of New York aforesaid: Thereupon voted and resolved, that the said Sheriff Williams be and he is directed to release to said Mary Codwise the seven hogsheads of sugar aforesaid, and that he proceed with his said warrant and impress the quantity of West India goods therein mentioned from such inhabitants and residents in the county of Hartford in whose custody and possession the same may be found, unless the same or any part thereof may be procured by purchase at the lawful prices; and in the execution of said warrant the sheriff is directed to take said goods in an equal and rateable proportion from the owners and possessors as he can, according to the information and knowledge he hath of the quantities of said articles they severally have in their possession and custody. *Copy dd to Sheriff Williams June 21st*, 1777.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety held in Lebanon the 23d of June, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse, Thaddeus Burr, and Titus Hosmer, } Esqrs.

This Board do appoint Jabez Clark of Lebanon to be one of the Issuing Commissaries to the battalions raised in this State for continental service for the term of three years or during the war.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is desired to sign an order to Samuel Eliott, Esq., agent for this State in the State of Massachusetts, to deliver to Capt. William Hubbard twenty barrells of beef and pork in his hands belonging to this State, taking his receipt for the same, and to advise the proportion of each sort that he shall deliver — the same being in exchange for an equal quantity of pork and beef to be delivered by said Capt. Hubbard at Norwich for the use of this State.

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Voted, That the overseers of the Salisbury furnace deliver to the selectmen of Norwalk, Stanford and Greenwich, for each of said towns, one hundred round shot, suitable for their field-pieces, and grape shot proportionable thereto, taking their receipts for the same.

Ichabod Bozworth of Lebanon is appointed a First Lieutenant in Colo. John Ely's battalion now raising in this State, in the room of Ebenezer West resigned.

This Board do appoint Ebenezer West of Lebanon to be Adjutant of Colo. John Ely's battalion now raising in this State for defence of the seacoasts and frontiers thereof.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Wm. Hillhouse,
Titus Hosmer,
Thaddeus Burr,
James Wadsworth jun^{r}, } Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That an order be drawn on Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey of Middletown, one of the purchasing commissaries, in favour of Mr. Aaron Comstock, quarter master of Colo. Chandler's regiment, for one hundred flannel shirts for the use of said regiment. *The order drawn accordingly.*

This Board do appoint Mr. David Holmes of Woodstock to be Surgeon to the battalion commanded by John Chandler, Esqr, colonel.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Honble Jabez Huntington, Titus Hosmer,
Dan^{ll} Sherman, Thaddeus Burr,
Wm. Hillhouse, Jas. Wadsworth jun^{r}, } Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That Mr. George Phillips of Middletown and company be permitted to transport out of this State one thousand bushels of rye and indian corn to the port of Bedford or some port adjacent thereto in the State of the Massachusets Bay, to purchase salt for the inhabitants in this State.

Voted and resolved, That on Mr. George Phillips and company's delivering at Middletown by the 1st day of August next any quantity of good wheat flour, not exceeding twenty barrels, and any quantity of good pork or beef for the use of this State, not exceeding thirty barrels, his Excellency the Governor be desired to give an order to said Phillips and company to receive an equal quantity of flour and pork and beef so delivered belonging to this State, to be delivered by Mr. Samuel Eliot of Boston.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON, 26TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Honble Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Dan^{ll} Sherman, Thaddeus Burr,
Titus Hosmer, Jas. Wadsworth jun^{r}, } Esq^{rs}.

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On application made to this Board by the Council of Safety of the State of New York, that Doctr Platt Townsend and the inhabitants of the State of New York be allowed to erect works in this State for the manufacturing salt, and to transport the same out of this State: Voted and resolved, that the said Doctr Platt Townsend, or any of the inhabitants of the State of New York, have liberty to erect works within this State for manufacturing salt and the same to transport out of this State: Always provided, they shall not be intituled to any premium granted by the General Assembly to the manufacturers of salt within this State.

On the petition of Ralph Isaacs of New Haven, now confined to the first society in Wallingford, praying he may have liberty to reside at his farm in Branford &c.: It is considered and ordered by this Board, that he be removed to his farm at Branford under the direction of the civil authority and selectmen of Branford, under such regulations and restrictions as were given concerning him at Eastbury by the General Assembly in October last.

Copy dd Capt. Eliakim Hall.

On the representation of John Mulford, Esqr, of Long Island, now resident in Stonington, shewing he is very infirm, has no means of support in this State, that he has an estate on Long Island and is desirous to return with his family and some stock, for the recovery of his health and support of his family &c.: Voted and ordered, that the said John Mulford, Esqr, and wife be permitted to return to Long Island, taking with them one horse and one cow. *Copy dd Esqr. Mulford's grandson.*

Voted, That the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury deliver one hundred round four-pound shot, with grape shot in proportion, to the selectmen of Guilford. *Order given June 26th, 1777, dd to Gen. Ward.*

Voted, That the owners of the powder-mill in New Haven deliver to the selectmen of Guilford one hundred and fifty pound weight of cannon-powder.

Order given June 26th, 1777, dd to Gen. Ward.

Voted by this Board, That Mr. John Cornwill of New Haven be permitted to transport from this State to the port of Bedford, or some port adjacent thereto in the State of the Massachusets Bay, seven barrels pork, seven barrels of beef and six barrels of flour, and one hundred pound weight of flax, for the purpose of procuring salt for the inhabitants of this State.

June 26th, permit dd to Samt Gill.

On application made to this Board: Voted and ordered, that Mr. John Wells junr of Glastenbury be permitted to transport by water from this State to the port of Dartmouth in the State of the Massachusets Bay thirty barrels of pork and five barrels of flour, ten barrels of the pork and said five barrels of flour to be laden on board a boat, James Skiff master, and twenty barrels of the pork to be laden on board a schooner, Israel Williams master, to be transported for the purpose of procuring salt for the inhabitants of said town of Glastenbury. *June 26th, 1777, permit dd John Wells junr.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON, JUNE 27TH DAY, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Honble Jabez Huntington,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Danll Sherman,
Titus Hosmer,
Jas. Wadsworth junr,
} Esqrs.

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David Holmes is appointed to be Physician and Surgeon to Col. John Chandler's battalion in the continental service.

Voted and resolved, That Duncan Stewart, Esqr, late collector of the customs at New London, be permitted to remove his family and servants to New York, for the purpose of proceeding from thence to London, taking with him a white woman with her two sons, young boys, his furniture and Doct^{r} Moffatts, also a milch cow for the benefit of his children on their passage. *Permit d^{d} June 27th*, 1777.

Voted and ordered, That Mr. Francis Bayard Winthrop, now on board the sloop *Union* in New London harbour, a flag from New York, be permitted to proceed from said sloop by water to the dwelling-house of Mr. John Winthrop and continue in said house and on Winthrop's Neck, so called, until said flag shall return, and return by water from said Neck on board said flag. *Permit d^{d} June 27th*, 1777.

Voted by this Board, That Duncan Stewart, Esqr, be permitted to land from the sloop *Union*, a flag now lying near the light house at the town of New London, three or six packages containing necessaries for sundry persons, subject to the inspection of the gent^{n} selectmen of New London, and to dispose of them as he shall see fit under their inspection.

Permit d^{d} June 27th, 1777.

On the 26th of June A.D. 1777, the following vote was passed, *viz:*

Voted and resolved, That the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury remove the mill erected for boring of cannon to some more convenient place.

Voted, That Mr. Andrew Huntington be directed to deliver to Wm. Lack one barrel of pork and one barrel of beef, in addition to what he has received, belonging to this State in his custody, and deduct the price of the same out of said Lack's bill for mounting field-pieces, and credit the State accordingly. *Order d^{d} to Lack June 27th*, 1777.

The following directions given to Mr. Shaw on the request of Duncan Stewart, Esqr, *viz:* To Nath^{ll} Shaw, Esqr. Sir: At Mr. Stewart's desire you are directed to assist him in some way safe to this State to have the sloop *Union* navigated to the wharf at New London by some of our people, while the people who came in her are kept below in some other vessel until the *Union* returns to them again, which is to be done with all convenient speed and she dispatched. And if Mr. Stewart hath some other articles he cannot conveniently carry with him in the *Union*, Mr. Shaw is permitted to carry them under the inspection of the selectmen of New London in the next flag he sends. All to be done at the expence of Mr. Stewart.

Given at Lebanon the 27th June, 1777.

This Board do appoint Mr. Noah Colman of Lebanon to be Surgeon to the battalion commanded by Charles Webb, Esqr, colonel, in the room of Doct^{r} Cogswell resigned.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HOLDEN IN LEBANON, JUNE 28TH, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Hon^{le} Jabez Huntington,
Dan^{ll} Sherman,
Titus Hosmer,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Jas. Wadsworth jun^{r},
} Esq^{rs}.

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Voted and resolved, That Mr. David Trumbull be desired to procure a waggon or ox-team to proceed immediately to Boston to transport from thence in the most direct road to the army a quantity of shirts for the use of the soldiers.

Voted and ordered the officers of the militia at New London and Groton under the command of Brig^{r} Genl Tyler be directed to make up their payrolls untill Wednesday next inclusive, and that at evening on Wednesday next they be dismissed from their present service. *Orders sent to Genl Tyler June 28th*, 1777.

Whereas it often times has and may again happen that the several articles of the rations allowed to the troops in the continental service have not nor can conveniently be supplyed to the militia who have or shall be called forth for the defence of the sea coasts in this State, and in many cases would not be agreeable to the soldiery: Voted and resolved, that there be allowed to each non-commission officer and soldier of the militia who hath or shall be called forth for the defence of the sea coasts or guards, in lieu of rations granted by the General Assembly, one pound of bread or flour, twelve ounces of pork or one pound of beef, and three pence one farthing *per diem*, and when the other several articles of sauce &c. cannot be supplied by the commissary, and in case of deficiency of any of those articles, to be allowed therefor in the following proportion per week *viz:*

Deficiency of	Pease,	£0	0	3¼
	Butter,	0	0	3½
	Milk,	0	0	10½
	Molasses,	0	0	4¾
	Indian meal,	0	0	0½

Copy sent to Capt. Deshon June 28th, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That no fatigue rhum be delivered to the troops stationed at any post in this State except by an order in writing from the commanding officer there. *Copy sent to Capt. Deshon June 28th*, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to draw on the Treasurer, in favour of Capt. John Dishon, the sum of four thousand pounds, and charge the same to him on account with this State.

Order sent to Capt. Deshon June 28th, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON, JUNE 30TH, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Hon^{le} Jabez Huntington, Titus Hosmer, Dan^{ll} Sherman, Benj. Huntington, Jas. Wadsworth jun^{r}, } Esq^{rs}.

A letter sent to Genl Spencer informing of the motions of the enemy in the Jersies, also in the northern department, agreeable to advice received from Generals Washington and Scuyler.

An order drawn on Genl Silliman and Mr. Thaddeus Burr, in favour of Mr. Nath^{ll} Shaw for four or five tons of flax to be delivered to him.

Order sent by Mr. Winthrop June 30th, 1777.

Orders sent to Mr. Nath^{ll} Shaw to send all the whale boats to New Haven, also the armed sloops *Scuyler* and *Mifflin*, to cruise off the harbour of New Haven and to the westward.

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Orders sent to Robert Niles, Esqr, captain of the armed ship *Spy*, to proceed on a cruise to New Haven and as far westward as may be prudent, and toward Long Island, to annoy the enemy and to give intelligence of any interesting discovery he may make or intelligence of the designs of the enemy he may get. *Per Mr. Winthrop.*

A permit given to Francis Bayard Winthrop, now on board the sloop *Union*, a flag near the light-house in New London, to go on shore in the day time to the house of Thos. Harris near said light-house, to see his mother, brethren and sisters, under the direction of the commanding officer of the fort, the civil authority and selectmen in New London.

On advice being received from Genl Schuyler that the enemy's fleet and army are advanced as far as Crown Point, that a very strong party is gone by the way of Otter Creek to fall in between Ticonderoga and Skeensborough, and that another detachment is marched on the west side of Lake George in order, if possible, to cut off Fort George &c., requesting the militia might be ordered to march as soon as possible, so as to rendezvous either at Fort Edward or Fort Ann: Voted and resolved by this Board, that the following order be sent to Brig^{r} Genl Oliver Wolcott, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Captain General.

To the Honble Brig^{r} General Oliver Woolcot.

Whereas intelligence is received from Genl Scuyler at Albany that the enemy have advanced as far as Crown Point, that a strong party have marched by the way of Otter Creek to fall in between Ticonderoga and Skeensborough, and that another detachment is marched on the west side of Lake George in order, if possible, to cut off Fort George, and that all the continental troops on this side the lakes occupying the several posts exceed not seven hundred men, which requires the aid of the militia, which he hath called upon in the State of New York, Massachusets Bay and Connecticut, to rendezvous at Fort Edward or Fort Ann as soon as may be: I do, by and with the advice of the Council of Safety, order and direct you forthwith to order the brigade under your command (the 24th regiment excepted) to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice as there may be occasion; and you are also to draught by rotation one half of said brigade (said 24th regiment and the overseers, clerk, moulders, firemen, colliers, oar-diggers, and such others as are necessarily employed at the cannon foundery at Salisbury only excepted,) according to law, with a suitable number of officers, and see them armed and equipped and furnished with ammunition, knapsacks, blankets, and so much provision as you shall judge necessary, and appoint suitable officers to command them. In the mean time you will take care to gain intelligence of the state of affairs to the northward; and it is left to you upon the intelligence you may receive at your discretion to order the part draughted by rotation as aforesaid, or such other part of the brigade as you may think proper, more or less as the case may require, to march for the support and assistance of the northern army or for the relief of any place attacked by the enemy, either on the North River or at the southward.

Given under my hand in Lebanon the 30th day of June, 1777.

J. T——l.

A letter to Genl O. Wolcot informing a team or two will be sent to Litchfield loaded with powder, lead and flints, desiring a team might be sent

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to Salisbury for a load of cannon shot to be forwarded here by the returning teams. N. B. 1700 of musquet powder, 2005 *lb.* lead and 1000 flints sent to Litchfield; also 300 *lb.* cannon-powder.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON JULY 1st, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Honble Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth jun^r^,	Esq^rs^.
Dan^ll^ Sherman,	Nath^ll^ Wales,	
Titus Hosmer,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Benjn Huntington,		

This Board do appoint Wm. Redfield of Middletown to be one of the Issuing Commissaries to the battalions raised in this State for continental service in the room of James Jones resigned.

This Board do appoint Mr. Gamaliel Badcock of Lebanon to be one of the issuing Commissaries to the battalions raised in this State for continental service, in the room of Silvester Dearing resigned.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Walker of Stafford, confessing that he deserted from a company of militia at New London, professing his penitence for said offence, promising future good behaviour, and praying to be relieved from a prosecution for said desertion, by force whereof he is now holden in prison in the common goal in Hartford county, as per memorial on file: It being made evident to this Board, that said Walker hath heretofore served the State well and faithfully, and that he hath now inlisted himself as a soldier to serve the continental army in Colo. Charles Webb's battalion during the term of three years: In consideration thereof, and that he may enter upon the service into which he hath [inlisted], voted and resolved, that the said Nathaniel Walker, upon his paying all costs on said prosecution, be released from his said imprisonment and permitted to join his regiment, and that said complaint against him for desertion be not any further prosecuted.

Copy delivered Mr. Fuller July 1st, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That Colo. Ely be directed to order Lieut. John Shipman with twenty men as a guard at SayBrook, and that thirty men more with a proper officer be added to said guard, also to add so many men to the guard at Lyme under the command of Ens^n^ John Griswold as to compleat the number to thirty to be continued at Lyme until further orders.

D^d^ to express July 1st, 1777.

Whereas his Excellency the Governor by and with the advice of the Council of Safety did on the 27th of June *ult.* grant to Duncan Stewart, Esqr, late collector of the customs at New London, liberty to remove the furniture of Dr. Moffatt on board the flag of truce sloop called the *Union*, and to proceed from New London to New York for the purpose of proceeding from thence to London: And whereas it is now represented to this Board that said Moffatt did withdraw from this State and joyn our enemys in arms against us, by means whereof and by force of the statute lately made said goods are become forfeit to this State: Voted and resolved, that his Excellency the Governor be desired to recall said permission and order that the goods, estate and furniture of the said Dr. Moffatt be left at said New London in the custody of the selectmen of said town, that said selectmen may

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pursue a proper process against said goods and procure the same to be condemned as forfeit to this State, in case it shall appear that said Dr. Moffatt hath joined our enemies in arms against this State as aforesaid.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

I do hereby revoke and recall the permission granted to Duncan Stewart, Esqr, late collector of the customs at New London, to remove the goods of Dr. Moffatt from said New London, and the same are ordered to be left in the custody of the selectmen of New London for the purposes expressed in the within written vote and resolve; of which all persons concerned are to take notice and conform themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand in Lebanon the first day of July, A D. 1777.

JON^{THN} TRUMBULL.

Copy d^{d} Colo. Latimer July 1st, 1777.

Whereas Duncan Stewart, Esqr, did purchase sundry articles of goods in New York for sundry persons and cause the same to be transported to New London in the sloop *Union*, a flag of truce, which practice if continued may be of dangerous consequence: Voted and resolved, that as no publick orders have been heretofore given in such cases, that said goods be delivered to the persons for whom they were purchased, being first carefully and diligently searched and inspected by the selectmen of New London. And it is further voted and resolved, that no goods in future of any kind be permitted to be imported from New York, or any other place in the possession and power of the enemy, into this State in flags of truce or otherwise, under peril that the same be seized and confiscated to the use of this State. And it is further voted, that any pretended flag of truce that shall receive and import any such goods into any port or place in this State shall be seized and confiscated and the captain and other persons on board the same held and detained as prisoners of war, any commission as a flag of truce notwithstanding. And Nathaniel Shaw junior, Esqr, commissary for exchange of naval prisoners, is directed to deliver to the master of the said sloop *Union* a copy of this vote and resolve, that it may not be transgressed under colour of want of notice thereof. *Copy d^{d} Colo. Latimer July 1st*, 1777.

Voted by this Board, That Dan^{ll} Hinsdale jun^{r} of Hartford be permitted to transport by water out of this State to Bedford or some other port in the Massachusets Bay eight tons of flour, being the property of sundry gentle men in the State of New York, to be exchanged for salt to be transported to the State of New York for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

Permit d^{d} Eben^{r} Barnard jun^{r} July 1st, 1777.

Voted and resolved by this Board, That Eben^{r} Barnard jun^{r} of Hartford be permitted to transport by water from this State to the State of the Massachusets Bay an equivalent of indian corn, rye, or other provision, or flax and hog's lard, for any quantity of salt or sheeps wool he can procure to be imported into this State from Massachusets Bay.

Permit d^{d} said Barnard July 1st, 1777.

Whereas many of the non-commission officers and soldiers in the two battalions now raising in this State cannot furnish themselves with arms, blankets, and accoutrements, by means whereof it is necessary that they be otherwise furnished, and that a reasonable deduction be made from their bounty, on account of their deficiency: Resolved and Voted, that the selectmen of the towns to which such non-commission officers and soldiers belong

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be and they are ordered to furnish such of them as cannot equip themselves with arms, accoutrements and blankets, and that they allow for the use of the same to the persons of whom the same shall be hired, or from whom the same shall be taken, as follows, *viz:*

Gun,	£0	6	0
Bayonet, belt and knapsack,	0	2	0
Cartouch box,	0	2	0
Blanket,	0	12	0

And in case said selectmen shall not be able to hire said arms &c., they are impowered and directed by warrant from any one Assistant or justice of peace to impress so many of such articles as are necessary to equip and compleat such non-commission officers and soldiers, and such articles when hired or impressed said selectmen are directed to cause to be apprized by two indifferent judicious men to deliver to the commanding officer of the company to which such non-commission officer and soldier respectively belong, taking their receipt for the same, which receipts the said selectmen are directed to lodge with the Committee of Pay-Table, who shall charge the captain of the company in account for the same, and exhibit to them an account of the arms &c. by them hired or impressed as aforesaid. And the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to adjust such accounts and draw upon the Treasurer for such sum as they find due thereon.

And it is further ordered and resolved, That the respective non-commission officers and soldiers who shall not provide themselves with any or all the arms, accoutrements &c. aforesaid, shall have the sums at which the hire of the same are so rated deducted out of the six pounds allowed them for bounty, and that the captains and other inlisting officers be and they are directed to deduct and stop the same accordingly.

And the captains of the respective companies shall stand charged with such arms, blankets and accoutrements, and at the expiration of such service shall see that the same are returned to the several selectmen from whom they were received, taking their receipt, which shall be allowed them on their account with the State for said arms. And in case any non-commission officer or soldier shall neglect or refuse to return such arms &c., it shall be the duty of the captain or paymaster of the company to which he belongs to stop and deduct out of his wages the sum at which such arms &c. were apprized, and also forfeit the sum of 20*s.* unless such arms shall be inevitably lost, and account with the State for the same. Always provided, that the selectmen shall and they are directed to deliver out the public arms in their custody to such soldiers before they hire or impress any of the same as aforesaid.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON, 2D JULY, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Honble Jabez Huntington,	Dan^ll^ Sherman,	Esqre.
Wm. Hillhouse,	Benj. Huntington.	
Titus Hosmer,	Jas. Wadsworth jun^r^,	

Voted, That Mr. Joseph Torry of Killingly be permitted to transport into the State of the Massachusetts Bay six firkins of butter, to be exchang'd for salt for the use of the inhabitants. *Permit d^d^ 2^d^ July,* 1777.

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Voted and resolved, That Daniel Brush of Long Island, now a prisoner of war in the State of Connecticut, be permitted to go at large in this State on his giving his parole. *Parole given and on file 2d July*, 1777.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table, in favour of Wm. Lax of Norwich, for the sum of two hundred pounds, to be charged to him in account. *Order d^d to his man —— Lestor, July 2d*, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That Eliphalet Smith, Alexander Furniviar and Stephen Woodhull, all of Long Island, now prisoners of war at New Haven, on their giving their parole of the same tenor with the parole of Daniel Brush, be permitted to be at large from their confinement, yet so as not to avoid giving evidence upon the tryal of the justice of the capture of the sloop in which they were taken. Their parole to be taken by Saml Bishop, Esqr, and civil authority in New Haven, to be forwarded to his Excellency the Governor.

An order was sent by his Excellency the Governor to Benj. Payne, Esqr, and the Committee of Pay-Table, to cause the goods taken from Peleg Hyde to be appraised, and that the Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer for the amount of the same, and that they be received and held for the use of this State.

Voted by this Board, That John Pride of Poukeepsie in the State of New York be permitted to transport by land from this State into the State of New York thirty bushells of salt and three hundred pounds weight of sugar. *Permit d^d July 1st, A.D.* 1777.

This Board do appoint John Chick of Symsbury to be Ensign of Capt. Pettibone's company in the battalion commanded by Roger Enos, colonel, raised for the defence of the sea coasts, in the room of Benjn Holcomb resigned.

This Board do appoint Charles Goodwin of New Hartford to be Second Lieutenant of Capt. Abraham Bradley's company in the battalion commanded by Roger Enos, colonel, in the room of Eben^r Miller resigned.

Voted and resolved, That Samuel Mills, Daniel Hall and Samuel Rockwell, of Colebrook, be permitted to transport from this State to the State of the Massachusetts Bay three cart loads of flour, to exchange for salt for the use of the inhabitants of Colebrook. *Permit d^d July 2d*, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That Jedediah Ollcut of Hartford be permitted to transport out of this State into the State of the Massachusetts Bay one cart load of flour, to exchange for salt for the use of the inhabitants. *Permit d^d July 2d*, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That the overseers of the furnace deliver to Mr. Nath^ll Niles of Norwich one ton of pig iron at the accustomary price, he paying for the same. *Order d^d July 2d*, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT LEBANON THE 3D DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Hillhouse, Titus Hosmer,
Daniel Sherman, Benjn Huntington, } Esq^rs.
Jas. Wadsworth jun^r,

This Board do appoint Isaac Knight to be Surgeon and Mr. Wm. Morris to be Quarter Master of a regiment raised in this State for the defence of the sea coasts, commanded by John Ely, Esqr, colonel.

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Whereas the Council of Safety of the State of New York by a resolve of the 27th of June *ult.* have appointed Obadiah Jones, John Hurlburt and Thos. Dearing, Esqrs, or any two of them, to give permits to such of the refugees from Long Island as reside in Connecticut as they shall think proper, and at such times and under such restrictions as they may judge prudent, to pass to Long Island to get off their effects: Voted and resolved, that this Board do approve of said appointment. And as it will be inconvenient to have the same powers vested in different committees or bodies of men, it is further voted and resolved, that all powers heretofore granted to the civil authority, selectmen, committee of inspection, or other persons in Saybrook and Stonington, to grant permits to said refugees or others to go to Long Island or other islands or places in the State of New York, (Fishers Island only excepted,) do and they shall cease and determine; and that the civil authority, selectmen and committees of inspection in this State are hereby directed and enjoined for the future not to grant permits or licences to any person or persons whatsoever to pass to Long Island or other places in the State of New York in the power or possession of the enemy, (Fishers Island only excepted,) upon any pretence or for any purpose whatsoever.

Copy dd Esqr Jones July 3d, 1777.

Ordered, That Obadiah Jones, Esqr, be desired to furnish the civil authority, selectmen and committees of inspection, of the several towns in this State, in which any refugees from Long Island reside, with a copy of the vote and resolve of this Board this day passed, respecting permits to said refugees to pass to said Long Island &c., to get off their effects.

Copy dd Esq. Jones 3d July, 1777.

Order drawn on Capt. Ephm Bill and Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, and Mr. Andrew Huntington of Norwich, in favour of Gamaliel Badcock, an issuing commissary, for any quantity of rhum, sugar, pepper, coffee and rice, in their custody belonging to the State, and to charge the same in account.

Order dd 3d of July, 1777.

Voted and resolved by this Board, That the following orders be sent to Brigr Genl Ward, *viz:* I am advised the enemy have advanced from Canada as far as Crown Point and are preparing to attack our army at Ticonderoga; at the same time Genl Howe with the grand army is leaving New Jersey and preparing to fall upon some part of the States on this side; in this situation it is necessary to be prepared for all events. To this purpose you will, agreeable to the inclosed orders, apply for powder and ball and cause the same to be made up in bunches of ten cartridges each and numbered with the number of balls each size requires to make up a pound weight, and put them up in tight boxes, and the boxes to be numbered in like manner, of which you will keep in your care 25,000 cartridges, and the remainder you will send to Durham and deposit in the care of Majr Genl Wadsworth. Paper, twine &c. you will supply, and lay the account of the cost of making &c. before the Governor and Council of Safety for allowance and payment. From your humble servt.

J. T———l.

To Brig. Genl Ward, orders dd for one ton of ball, 700 *lb.* powder.

Orders given to Majr Elias Buell to repair with the troops now on their march or ready to march directly to New London to the barracks in Fort Trumbull and garrison that fort, and in the absence of his superiour officer to take the command thereof, properly order and discipline those under his command, and carry on the works of the fortifications there under the direc-

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tion of the engineer. And in case any of Capt. Keys's company shall go into the barracks at Groton, they to do duty there at present, and to apply to Capt. John Deshon, the commissary, to supply with needful provisions &c.

Order d^d July 3^d, 1777.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table, in favour of Elijah Hide jun^r of Lebanon, for the sum of nine pounds ten shillings and eight pence, allowed him by this Board on his account for repairing arms &c.

Order d^d July 11th, 1777, to Maj^r Hide.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 4TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honour the Deputy Governor.

Honble Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,	Esq^rs.
Titus Hosmer,	Jas. Wadsworth jun^r,	
Dan^ll Sherman,	Nath^ll Wales jun^r,	
Wm. Hillhouse,		

This Board do appoint Colo. Jonathan Fitch to be Commissary for this State to purchase and collect necessary provisions for the regiment raised in this State and under the command of Roger Enos, Esqr, colonel, and to see that the officers and soldiers are duly served with the rations allowed them by act of the General Assembly. And the Committee of the Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for such sum or sums as he shall from time to time find necessary to enable him to make the provision as aforesaid and to defray necessary expences attending the same, he giving sufficient bond with surety to execute his office faithfully and render his account when thereto required.

Voted and resolved, That George Allen and Andrew Angell, both of Scituate in the State of Rhode Island, be permitted to export by land out of this State to said Scituate one hundred bushels of indian corn, six barrels of flour, five hundred pounds weight of cheese, and six bushells of beans, to supply the keeping a tavern.

Order drawn on Capt. Jabez Huntington to deliver to Mr. Gamaliel Badcock two thousand pound weight of coffee, to be delivered to Commissary Hubbard. *Order d^d Mr. Wales 4th July*, 1777.

Order sent to Capt. Jabez Perkins of Norwich to receive of Reuben Barnard, John Russell and Reuben Giles, of Nantucket, a quantity of rhum, molasses, salt and oyl, by them imported, at the price by law rated, and to deliver to them in exchange provisions at the price rated by law, for the use of this State. *Orders d^d to R. Barnard 4th July.*

This Board do appoint Isaac Day of Torrington to be Surgeon's Mate in the battalion raised for continental service to be commanded by Charles Webb, Esqr, colonel. *Certificate given 4th July*, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That no board-wages, when suitable provision was made on board, shall be allowed to the officers and men on board the ship *Oliver Cromwell* in the settlement of their accounts antecedent to the fourteenth day of April, 1777, except such officer, marine or mariner, was so sick as that his continuance on board would have endangered his life or the health of others on board said ship. And it is further voted, that Captain William Coit render a proper account of the arms, provisions, stores and utensils delivered on board the ship *Oliver Cromwel* during the time he was commander of said ship.

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A permit given to Capt. James Raymond to pass to Long Island on his parole and to return in eighteen days.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 5th DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Honble Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse, Dan^ll Sherman, Benj. Huntington, Jas. Wadsworth jun^r, } Esq^rs.

Orders sent to Brig^r Genl Silliman to cause a sufficient number of cartridges immediately to be made up and put into boxes and mark the boxes with the size of the balls in each box and deposite them in some safe place to be used at discretion: the cartridges to be made with the publick powder and ball in his hands; also to order the several regiments in his brigade to stand equipped and in readiness to march at the shortest notice in such detachments as the exigency may require in case of an attack or approach of the enemy up the North River or in his neighborhood, at his discretion.

Orders d^d Sam^ll Thatcher July 5th, 1777.

Orders sent to Brig^r Genl Erastus Woolcot to procure of Colo. Wm. Pitkin three hundred and fifty pounds weight of powder, and of Thos. Danforth one thousand pounds weight musquet balls, and cause the same to be made up in cartridges of ten in a bunch and numbered with the number of balls each size requires to make a pound weight, and put them up in tight boxes, and the boxes to be numbered in like manner, and them deposite in some safe place to be ready on any emergency, and exhibit the account of expence to this Board for payment. Also to order one quarter part of the brigade under his command to be properly drafted and equipped with suitable officers thereto appointed, and to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice.

Orders sent to Brig^r Genl Ward to draft one fourth part of the brigade under his command, order them to be armed, equipped and hold themselves in constant readiness to march on the shortest notice with proper officers thereto appointed. *Order d^d Mr. Fowler July 5th*, 1777.

Orders sent to Colo. Ely to draw on the remaining part of his regiment to New London as soon as possible and make a return of the numbers he may have, that proper orders may be given.

Orders sent by Mr. Fowler July 5th, 1777.

Orders sent to Colo. Enos to draw on the remaining part of his regiment to New Haven as quick as possible, and make a return of the number he shall have, that proper orders may be had.

Orders sent Brig^r Gen. Tyler to apply to Maj^r Genl Huntington for one thousand pound weight of lead and three hundred and fifty pound weight of musquet powder to be made up into cartridges, similar to the orders this day sent to Brig^r Genl Erastus Woolcot; also similar orders respecting drafting a part of the brigade under his command.

Order d^d M. Genl Huntington July 5th, 1777.

Orders sent to Brig^r Genl Douglass to apply to Capt. Eaton of Plainfield for seven hundred and seventy pound weight of musquet balls and powder sufficient to make them into cartridges: similar to the orders this day sent to Brig^r Genl Erastus Woolcot; and also similar orders touching drafting a part of the brigade under his command.

Order d^d M. Gen. Huntington July 5th, 1777.

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Received a letter from Colo. Jon^{n} Fitch, touching purchasing provisions for Colo. Enos's regiment. Returned an answer to send a person to the northward to purchase, per Sam^{ll} Thacher.

Capt. Wm. Coit, late commander of the ship *Oliver Cromwel*, having applyed to this Board for settlement of the ship's accounts while under his command, and failed by reason of some impediments hitherto intervening: It is thereto agreed with said Coit, and by this Board voted and resolved, that Capt Nathl Backus, Jabez Perkins and William Hubbard, all of Norwich, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to receive, examine and adjust said Coit's accounts against said ship until a final settlement had, as well as his reasonable account of all provisions, utensils and stores of every kind, procured and delivered to his care whilst in command; as also the accounts that may be exhibited in behalf of the State, including every matter, whether disputed or not, that may be layed before said committee, who have full power hereby committed to them to hear and determine the same at such time and place as they shall appoint and make and deliver their result in the premises to this Board, which shall be binding and conclusive as well on the part of the State as on the part of said Coit, who also acknowledges his accession to the terms of this appointment and agrees in the fullest sense thereof.

I do hereby for myself, my heirs &c. agree to the above appointment as therein expressed. WILLIAM COIT.

Copy d^{d} Capt. Coit July 5th, 1777.

Mr. Wm. Hillhouse exhibited an account of monies paid the committee for apprizing the land at Groton Fort, for his time and expence, amounting to the sum of four pounds six shillings and nine pence, which is accepted and approved: Thereupon voted, that an order be drawn in favour of said Hillhouse on the Pay-Table for said sum.

Order d^{d} 5th July, 1777, to Mr. Hillhouse.

Voted, That Samuel Eliot jun^{r} of Boston, Esqr, agent for this State, be directed and desired to sell all the flour and butter bro't in the several vessels taken by Capt. Smedly in the armed brig *Defence* belonging to this State now at Boston, giving notice of the sale to the Board of War there, that they may have opportunity to purchase if they see fit; and that he be further desired to transmit to his Excellency the Governor an account of the articles not disposed and under his care at Boston, Plymouth and Dartmouth, and of the dispositions he hath made and the deliveries on the orders sent him by this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 7TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Honble Jabez Huntington, Dan^{ll} Sherman, Nath^{ll} Walles jun^{r}, Jas. Wadsworth jun^{r}, } Esq^{rs}.

A letter sent to Sam^{ll} Elliott jun^{r}, Esqr, of Boston, directing as in the vote of Saturday last.

July 6th, 1777. An order given to Capt. John Deshon to receive of Mr. Elijah Hubbard of Middletown flour, if he had purchased any.

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July 6th 1777. An order on Mr. Peter Goodrich given to Capt. John Deshon for bread and flour on hand.

On the memorial of Michal Judah of Norwalk, shewing that two hogsheads and one tierce of brown sugar belonging to him on board a boat in the harbour of Milford, which he was transporting from Rocky Hill to Norwalk for the use of the inhabitants of said Norwalk, was seized by virtue of a warrant dated the 13th day of June, 1777, signed by his Excellency the Governor: Voted and resolved, that the said Mical Juday be permitted to proceed to Norwalk with his sugars, the aforesaid seizure notwithstanding.

Permit d^d July 7th, 1777, also a letter to Colo. Jon^n Fitch.

Sent a letter to Capt. Cockrum of Saybrook to purchase flour and meat in the best manner he can, and to apply to the Committee of Pay-Table for money.

Sent a letter to Genl Silliman in answer to his of the 3^d instant, approving the measures he had taken touching the marching of the militia, and advising him of the orders of this day to Colo. Enos.

Voted, That Brig^r Genl Silliman be directed to procure an exchange of some of our prisoners who were taken at Middlesex in March last for some of the enemy's prisoners taken in the expedition to Danbury, and that he permit Jane Mape, a single woman, a miliner of New York, to pass to New York on her parole and to return when thereto required by the Commander in Chief. *Orders d^d Mr. Benedict July 7th*, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That the following orders be given to Colo Enos, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Commander in Chief.

To Roger Enos, Esqr, Colonel of the first regiment of troops ordered to be raised for the defence of this State:

On consideration of intelligence received from Brig^r Genl Silliman since my last orders to you dated the 5th instant, I have thought fit by advice of Council to alter those orders, and you are hereby directed to order Capt. Edward Rogers and Capt Reuben Scofield to collect and march the companies under their command to the town of Greenwich; Capt. Abraham Bradley to collect and march his company to the town of Stamford; Capt. Reuben Bostwick to collect and march his company to the town of Milford, and Capt. Stephen Thorp to collect and march his company to the town of Fairfield. The other three, *viz:* the companies commanded by Captains Abel Pettibone, James Peck and Peter Curtiss, you'l order to be collected and marched to New Haven, leaving those marched in consequence of my first order to remain in service according to the direction then given 'till further orders. Where any company is not full you'l order a recruiting officer to be left to inlist men until the 15th of this instant. You will then make a return of your regiment to me with every circumstance attending it. I am informed that the men that were on duty at the time of inlisting left their duty by leave from their officer 'til the 15th July, which was rather weakening than strengthening our defence. All ought to remain in or go on duty as soon as directed. You'l direct your Lieutenant Colonel and Major to repair to such post or town where the men are ordered, to take the command in your absence. The men are to be employed according to such orders as have been given, and to guard and defend the places where they are. Both you and they will obey such orders as you may receive from any general

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officer for the defence of this State either within the same or on its borders.

Given in Lebanon the 7th day of July A.D. 1777.

J. T———l.

Copy sent by Capt. Harper 7th July, 1777.

Voted and ordered, That Capt. Peck's company of militia posted at Burwell's Farms at Milford be dismissed on the arrival of Capt. Bostwick's company of Colo. Enos's regiment, who is ordered to that post.

Order sent by Capt. Harper July 7th, 1777.

Voted and ordered, That the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury be ordered to deliver to the selectmen of Milford fifty four-pound-weight shot, thirty six-pound-weight shot and one hundred weight of grape-shot, taking their receipt for the same. *Order d^d to Capt. Harper July 7th*, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That Zelotes Sanders, who was drafted by Capt. Edward Shipman of Saybrook, to fill up the continental battalions in this State, by reason of lameness and infirmity of body being unable to perform camp duty, be discharged the service.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON, JULY 8TH DAY, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honour the Deputy Governor,
Honble Jabez Huntington,
Dan^ll Sherman,
Andrew Adams,
Jas. Wadsworth jun^r,
} Esq^rs.

Voted, That the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury supply Mr. Andrew Rowland with ten three and four-pound cannon, that proportion of each sort as shall be agreeable to him; also two swivel guns, if any to be spared, in the lieu of the cannon and swivels he received an order for the 4th of November last; and to receive the pay for the same.

Order d^d to Mr. Rowland 8th July, 1777.

Directions sent to Mr. Thaddeus Burr to purchase a sufficient quantity of tow shirts and trowsers to be sent to the prisoners in New York belonging to this State, to be delivered to those who are most needy, and an account to be taken to whom delivered. *Sent by Dudly Baldwin 8th July*, 1777.

Directions sent to Capt. Niles in answer to his letter of the 3^d instant touching some prisoners, *viz:* To send Alex^r Clerk to the care of Gen. Silliman; Ephraim Betts and Joseph Waterbury to Hartford goal; John Curry and John Casey to remain on board the *Spy* untill her return to New London, then said Curry to be delivered to Mr. Shaw and said Casy to remain on board untill his circumstances be further known. If any opportunity presents they may send to Setocket for their cloaths and money

Letter d^d Mr. Baldwin 8th July.

This Board do establish Israel Newton to be Captain, Zebulon Waterman to be Lieutenant, and Jesse Billings to be Ensign of the 5th company in the 25th regiment of militia in this State.

This Board do establish Job Yale to be Lieutenant and Lucius Tuttle to be Ensign of the 5th company in the 10th regiment of militia in this State.

Experience Robinson of Windham exhibited his account of his time, expences and wages of sundry persons employed by him in going to

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Portsmouth in May last, to bring into this State some field-pieces, amounting to forty-three pounds six shillings and seven pence, which account is approved and accepted by this Board; and thereupon voted and resolved, that an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favour of said Robinson for the aforesaid sum. *Order d^d 8th July, 1777, to Mr. Robinson.*

Voted and resolved by this Board, That Mr. Andrew Huntington be directed to apply to Capt. Jabez Perkins for twenty hogsheads of molasses of the poorest quality belonging to this State in his care, who is hereby desired to deliver the same; and when received to distill the same into rhum.

Order d^d Genl Huntington July 8th, 1777.

Sent a letter to Benjn Huntington, Esqr, informing him of mobs &c. at New London taking Mr. Winthrop's goods and others, desiring him to enquire into the premises and bring the offenders to justice.

Voted and resolved, That Messrs. Joseph Denison 2^d and Wm. Eliott of Stonington, owners of the sloop *Dove*, be permitted to transport out of this State two loads for said sloop of cheese and indian corn to the State of the Massachusets Bay to procure salt for the use of the inhabitants of this State.

Permit d^d Mr. Denison 8th July, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Honble Jabez Huntington,	Andrew Adams,	Esq^rs.
Honble Wm. Pitkin,	Jas. Wadsworth jun^r,	
Dan^ll Sherman,	Benjn Payn,	
Wm. Hillhouse,		

This Board do appoint Reuben Scofield of Stamford to be Captain in the battalion ordered to be raised in this State for the defence of the sea-coasts commanded by Roger Enos, Esqr, colonel, in the room of Jesse Bell resigned.

This Board do appoint Mr. Christopher Woolcot to be Surgeon and Physician of a regiment ordered to be raised in this State for the defence of the sea-coasts commanded By Roger Enos, Esqr, colonel.

Upon the representation of Mr. Robert Rice of Wallingford, shewing to this Board that he is drafted and ordered to joyn the continental army, and that by lameness in his feet, which has been of some years continuance, he is unable to perform the duty of a soldier: Voted and resolved, that the said Robert Rice be dismissed from such draft for said service in the battalions raised by this State for the continental army.

Acors Sheffield having exhibited an account of wages due to a number of matrosses who served at Stonington in December and January last: Voted and resolved, that the Committee of Pay-Table examine and adjust said account and give order for the payment of what shall be due thereon.

Simeon Hiscox having exhibited an account for provisions supplyed the militia companies and troops posted at Stonington to the 7th instant: Voted and resolved, that the Committee of Pay-Table examine and adjust said account and draw an order on the Treasurer for such sum as shall be found due thereon.

Voted and resolved, That Joshua Hubart, of Goshen in the State of New York, be permitted to transport by land out of this State twenty-five bushels

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of salt into the State of New York, for the use of the inhabitants of said Goshen.

Upon the application of the civil authority, selectmen and committee of inspection of Killingworth, representing that Ira Ward of said Killingworth, who is under confinement at Willington as a person dangerous to the United States, has given such assurances of his future good behaviour they are desirous he should be released from said confinement and return to said Killingworth: Voted and resolved by this Board, that the said Ira Ward be released from his present confinement at Willington and be permitted to return to Killingworth, there to remain under the direction of the civil authority, selectmen and committee of inspection in the town of Killingworth.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Honble Wm. Pitkin,	Benjn Payn,	Esq^{rs}.
Dan Sherman,	Andrew Adams,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	Jas. Wadsworth jun^{r},	

Whereas Nicholas Brown of Hartford hath lately gone over to the enemy in New York and left his wife Hannah and four children, *viz.:* one son Nicholas about six years old, and three daughters, Ruth, Hannah and Cinthia: Ruth, the eldest of them, about sixteen years of age: Voted and resolved, that the said Brown's wife and eldest daughter have liberty, if they or either of them choose, to go into New York to the said Nicholas. And they or either of them are to be permitted at their several election and expence to go into said city. And it is recommended to the selectmen of said Hartford to take care of and bind out to some good family and families the other three children. *Permit d^{d} Mr. Jacob Brown July 10th*, 1777.

Voted, That Mr. Chauncey Whittlesey of Middletown be directed to deliver to the overseers of the lead mine at Middletown such provisions and small cloathing for the use of the miners employed there as the overseers shall judge necessary, and charge the same in account.

Order d^{d} Capt. Russell 10th July, 1777.

Order given to the selectmen of New Milford to receive seven hundred pound weight of musquet powder and two hundred pound weight of musquet balls, which was sent by the selectmen of Woodbury to New Milford and supposed to be in the care of Colo. Canfield. *Order d^{d} Mr. Hine 10th July*, 1777, *indorsed on the backside to apply to Genl Silliman for flints, and to use every effort to be supplied. Order del^{d} Mr. Hine 10th July*, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, A. D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Honble Wm. Pitkin,	Benjn Payne,	Esq^{rs}.
Wm. Hillhouse,	Andrew Adams,	
Jas. Wadsworth jun^{r},		

Sent an order to Nath^{ll} Shaw jun^{r}, Esqr, to procure a vessel and proceed with a flag to New York, at the expence of New York State, to deliver to the several gentlemen who were permitted to go to New York on their

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parole an order to return in ten days after the receipt of such order, and in case of refusal to take care the evidence thereof may be preserved; also to apply to Ezekiel Williams, Esq, commissary of prisoners, for Alex^{r} Clark and John Curry, and any other marine prisoners in his care, to be carryed to New York and there to be exchanged.

Sent to Mr. Shaw by Mr. Latimer July 11th, 1777.

Order to Ezek. Williams, Esqr, to deliver to Mr. Nathl Shaw, Alex^{r} Clark and John Curry and any other marine prisoners in his care who are desirous of it to be exchanged.

Order sent to Mr. Shaw by Mr. Latimer July 11th, 1777.

Sent to Genl Jabez Huntington at Norwich 2309*lb.* sheet lead.

Order sent to Capt. Josiah Child of Colo. Bradley's regiment touching Elam Hulet and Nath^{ll} Kee, soldiers impressed from Capt. David Cady's company in Killingly, represented not to be able-bodied men, directing not to march soldiers apparently disabled, of such cases to inform his Excellency of what he may find, that justice may be done.

This Board do appoint Nathaniel Raymond to be Lieutenant of the second company in Norwalk in the 9th regiment of militia in this State.

Received a letter from Colo. Moses Robinson, dated at Benington 8th July, 1777, per Mr. Field, advising of the evacuation of the posts at the northward.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, A. D. 1777.

His Excellency the Governor.

N. B. Benja. Payne, Esqr, being unwell in the forenoon, so far recovered as to attend at Board this afternoon.

Hon^{l} William Pitkin,
William Hilhouse,
Genl James Wadsworth jun^{r},
Nathl Wales jun^{r},
And^{w} Adams,
} Esq^{rs}.

A permit granted to Daniel Hinsdal jun^{r} of Hartford, to transport out of this State three tuns of flour, eighteen barrels of beef and one barrel of hog's lard, to the State of the Massachusets Bay: said articles now on board a boat or sloop at East Haddam, Capt. James Wigings master. Salt to be brought in return. This grant in lieu of a former vote of this Board upon the subject.

Sent per Thomas Loomis one hhd. sugar, contents 12*c.* 1*q.* 21*lb.*, one hhd. N. England rum, contents 117 gallons; and per Joseph Loomis three hogsheads of cloathing, containing one thousand shirts, seven hundred and sixty-eight hose, to be delivered to Messrs. Elijah Hubbard and Royal Flint at Danbury, or where directed by them, for the use of the Connecticut troops.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, JULY 14TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,
Wm. Pitkin,
Benj. Payne,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nath^{ll} Wales' jun^{r},
Andrew Adams,
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^{rs}.

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Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to indorse to Major Joshua Huntington an order drawn by the Honble John Hancock, Esqr, President of the Continental Congress, in favour of Govr Trumbull, on John Lawrence, Esqr, Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office in the State of Connecticut, for twenty thousand dollars, in part payment for the frigate building at Norwich for the United States of America: said Huntington to account for the same in the settlement for building said frigate.

The said order was indorsd by the Govr and d^d to Maj^r Huntington July 14, 1777, and his receipt taken.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £787 12 6¼, in favour of Capt. Wm. Coit, late commander of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, in full of all his demands on the State of Connecticut on the account of wages of himself, his officers and men on board said ship, or any other account whatever, agreeable to the determination of Capts. Nathl Backus, Jabez Perkins and Wm. Hubbard, a committee to whom the settlement of said accounts has been referred.

Received an order for the above sum July 14th, 1777.

WILLIAM COIT.

Gave an order to the Pay-Table to allow to Mr. Wm. Wheeler a just reward for riding express from Salisbury to Lebanon and draw on the treasury for the ballance of the same, and to charge the same to the United States. *Order d^d to Mr. Wm. Wheeler July 14th*, 1777.

Mr. Brown, the rider, was sent express to head quarters with letters of importance, which took great part of this day to prepare them.

Resolved, That Mr. David Trumbull be and he is hereby appointed to receive the old fire-arms lately brought here from Albany, and cause the same to be apprized by two indifferent judicious men, and to examine the same and cause all of said arms that shall appear to be worth refitting to be repaired fit for service as soon as may be, at the expence of this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY JULY 15th, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Andrew Adams,	Esq^rs.
Wm. Pitkin,	Benj. Huntington,	
Benj. Payne,	Nath^ll Wales jun^r,	
Wm. Hillhouse,		

Orders were given to Col. Roger Enos in the words following, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

By the Captain General.

To Roger Enos, Esqr, Colonel of the first battalion raised for the defence of the sea-coast &c.

You are hereby ordered forthwith to order the fullest company now at New Haven under your command, to march to the town of Norwalk, and the captain of the same to post them as guards where most needed for defence of that part of the coast, to obey such orders as he shall receive from Brig^r Genl Silliman or other his superior officer.

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A permit was given to John McClave to transport one ton of flax, two tons and half of rye flour, and four hundred bushels of indian corn, on board the schooner *George*, Sam[l] Perkins master, to the State of the Massachusets Bay, for the purpose of purchasing salt to be imported into this State. *Permit given to Sam[l] Thacher for John McClave.*

Resolved, To order Capt. John Venters to dismiss the militia men under his command on duty at Say Brook, taking care to secure the publick arms, cartridges &c. *Order d[d] to Mr. Smith of Chatham.*

Permit granted to Mess. Shubal Chase and Nath[ll] Bunker, both of Nantucket, to purchase and export from this State to that place, for the use of the inhabitants thereof, a small boat load of provisions and flax, the embargo notwithstanding.

A like permit is granted to Mr. Zebediah Cleaveland of Martha's Vineyard.

A like permit is also granted to Mr. John Wass, to export from this State the same quantity of the same articles to Martha's Vineyard.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, JULY 16TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,	Esq[rs].
Wm. Pitkin,	Nath[l] Wales jun[r],	
Roger Sherman,	Benj. Payne,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	Daniel Sherman,	
Andrew Adams,		

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of one thousand pounds, in favour of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq[r], commissary at Groton, to be in account. *Order drawn July 16th, 1777, d[d] to young master Ledyard.*

A permit was given to Col. Joseph Drake, late of New Rochell, to transport through and carry out of this State 22 hogsheads of sugar by him brought from Providence, to be marked by Capt. Jabez Perkins and shipped for Hartford and there examined by Ezek[l] Williams, Esq[r], and certified by him as laden with the same and permitted to pass.

Orders were given to Ezekiel Williams, Esq[r], in the words following, *viz.:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

To Ezekiel Williams, Esq[r], commissary of Prisoners:

You are hereby directed to deliver to Capt. Sam[l] Lyon, of Rye in the State of New York, Henry Hallock, a seaman, and one other seaman prisoner in this State such as you may judge convenient (never an inhabitant in this State) to be exchanged for a son of said Capt. Sam[l] Lyon and one other person a friend of his, who are prisoners with our enemies, taking Capt. Lyon's receipt to return said Hallock and other prisoner if not exchanged, keeping account of your doings and what is done thereon, and make returns to the Governor and Council of Safety.

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Voted, That Joshua Bottom be and he is appointed First Lieutenant in Capt. James Smith's company in Colonel Ely's regiment.

Copy given July 16th, 1777.

Norwich June 1st, 1777.

Recd of Mr. Adam Babcock, by order of his Excellency Govr Trumbull, eight bales woolen cloath N°. 21, 22, 32, 36, 37, 38, 44 and 48, containing twenty-eight hundred fifty-three and three quarters ells; two bales N°. 51 and 54, containing one hundred and ten blankets; also two bales blankets N° 50 and 53, and two bales of cloth N° 26 and 35, contents unknown, forwarded to Hartford for the use of the continental battalions in this State. Likewise recd sixteen bales N° 14, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 39, 40, 45, 49, 52, forwarded to Jerh Wadsworth, Esqr, to be transported to the Clothier General, the contents unknown, having signed two receipts of same tenor and date Recd ꝑ ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

The above is a true record of the original receipt, on which his Excellency by vote of Council indorsed in the words following, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

This certifies that Mr. Andrew Huntington, a commissary of cloathing for this State, was directed to receive, deliver and forward the within innumerated goods for the purpose of cloathing the continental army.

ꝑ JONTHN TRUMBULL.

A permit was given to John Deming of Weathersfield to ship 300 bushels of indian corn, 200 bushels of rye, 2 barrels of beans, and twenty barrels of rye flour, and the same transport in the schooner *Speedwell* to exchange for salt for the use of the inhabitants of this State, any embargo notwithstanding.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, JULY 17TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esqrs.
Roger Sherman,	Nathll Wales junr,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Andrew Adams,	
Danl Sherman,	Benj. Huntington,	
Benj. Payne,		

Mr. Edward Hallam is appointed to be Commissary to the troops at the fort at N. London, instead of Capt. John Deshon appointed by the Continental Congress to be one of the Naval Board for the Eastern Department, and said Hallam is to apply to Capt. Deshon for all such articles of stores he hath on hand and for directions from him according to what he hath received from this Board, and that said Commissary Hallam attend to such further orders as he shall receive and apply for such directions as he shall need from time to time.

Voted, To order Col. John Ely to dismiss a negro slave, named Minto, belonging to Joseph Crandall, from said Ely's regiment, to return to said Crandal, and said Col. Ely is hereby directed to dismiss him accordingly, his premium, arms, &c. to be returned before dismission.

Copy dd to Capt. Deshon.

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Voted, To direct Capt. John Deshon and he is hereby directed, to purchase a house and lot of land in New London belonging to Eliphalet Lester at a reasonable price as he can, for the use of a barrack for the troops of this State, and pay for the same, taking a deed to the Governor and Company.

Copy d^d to Capt. Deshon.

Resolved, That Capt. John Deshon be and he is hereby directed to send a small vessell to Bedford to load with salt belonging to this State and the Commissary General, imported in the vessell commanded by Capt. Allen Stillman, to be brought to this State: one half to be delivered at Norwich for the use of the Commissary General, the other half for the use of this State. Also, that Capt. Stillman store the remainder of his cargo at Bedford in the best manner for safety, except so much salt as to ballast his vessell, and proceed with her to Hartford and deliver one half for the use of the Commissary General and the other half for the use of this State, and then to deliver the vessell up to the owner; and the salt, the State's half at Norwich to be delivered to Capt. Jabez Perkins, the half at Hartford to be delivered to Mr. Saml Talcott jun^r to be stored for this State till further order. *Copy d^d to Capt. Deshon.*

Resolved, That Capt. John Deshon be and he is hereby directed to furnish the old brig *Defence* with four carriage-guns, six-pounders, and eight swivels, with ten small-arms and ammunition suitable, to defend for her voyage now to be performed, and that he apply to Messrs. Elderkin and Wales for powder, and to Genl Huntington for shot, and Capt. Jabez Huntington of Windham for the small arms. *Copy d^d to Capt. Deshon July 17th*, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JULY 18th, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^rs.
Roger Sherman,	Nathl Wales, jun^r,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Andrew Adams,	
Danl Sherman,	Benj. Huntington,	
Benj. Payne.		

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to give to Col. John Ely the following orders, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Captain General.

To John Ely, Esqr, Colonel of the 2^d regiment of troops ordered to be raised by the Assembly in May last for the defence of the sea-coast and frontiers of this State and places adjacent.

You are hereby directed to station Capt. Palmer with his second lieutenant Chapman and the soldiers they inlisted at Stonington.

Those troops stationed by former orders at Lyme and SayBrook are to continue there untill further orders. You will order two companies of the regiment into Groton Fort for the present. The remaining part of the regiment you will order to Fort Trumbull and thereabouts and employ them in compleating the works there, and the men at each of those forts are to take the tour of fatigue equally: those at Groton that may be spared from the

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necessary guards and works you will order over and employ in the works at Fort Trumbull in rotation, leaving there what are needed to compleat the works at Groton. You will take care that the men are kept clean and to duty, and when on fatigue they are to receive, by your order in writing or the order of the commanding officer in your absence, the rum allowed when on fatigue duty.

You'l take care and prevent all kind of imbezzlements and abuses of arms, ordnance stores, tools and utensils belonging to the publick. A keeper of the ordnance and military stores will be appointed whose duty will be pointed out.

The plan of the works is laid out to which you will attend, and when any further directions are needful you will apply to this Board and follow such orders as may be given.

Mr. Edward Hallam is appointed Commissary to provide for the men on New London side, Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr, is appointed Commissary on Groton side, Capt. Cochran at Say Brook.

You will take care that the artillery officers and matrosses attend and do faithfully their duty, and from time to time give information and all needful intelligence to this Board.

You will attend to the services to be performed by every part of your regiment, to see it duly ordered and performed and direct advices to be given you; in case of the appearance of an enemy or an attack you'l put all in proper posture of defence, and on every necessary occasion forward intelligence to me and make needful alarms. You will give the necessary orders for preventing the landing of the enemy.

You will as soon as may be send me a return of your regiment in due form.

And you will attend and obey all orders and commands you may receive from me or other your superior officer. You are also to take care and make proper inquiry of all such vessells, boats &c. as pass the fort, and attend to the law and the orders which may be further given for your direction therein.

Given under my hand at Lebanon, the 18th day of July, 1777.

JONTH TRUMBULL.

Voted, To draw on Nathl Shaw jun^{r}, Esqr, for £200 0 0, in favour of Capt. Nathl Saltonstall, to be improved towards payment of the matrosses under his command and to be in account.

Order drawn July 18th, 1777, d^{d} to Capt. Saltonstall.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, 19TH JULY, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Roger Sherman, Daniel Sherman, } Esq^{rs}.
William Pitkin, And^{w} Adams, }

Consulted on some matters of importance relative to the state of the northern army &c.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JULY 20TH, 1777

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Roger Sherman, Dan[l] Sherman, } Esq[rs].
Wm. Pitkin, Andrew Adams,

Consulted on some matters of importance. Relation to the letters from the westward informing that a fleet of the enemy are in the Sound proceeding eastward.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JULY 21ST, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Wm. Pitkin, Andrew Adams, } Esq[rs].
Roger Sherman, Benj. Huntington,
Dan[l] Sherman,

Orders were given to Brig[r] Gen[l] Douglass as follows, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Captain General.

To the Hon[t] John Douglass, Esq[r], Brigadier General of the fifth brigade of militia in this State.

You are ordered to call together the field officers of your brigade, to consult on the best and most expeditious manner of collecting and marching the companies of your brigade to any place that is or may be attacked.

On the present alarm you may do well to settle the officers for each of the four divisions and their rotation. You must use your prudence how the men of the first division may be seen to be well armed and equipped for a march and disposed so as to be in immediate readiness and yet hindered as little as possible from their business at this time. 'Tis probable their march must be to Providence. I hope that will not be necessary. You'll soon receive further orders if it should be.

It will in the alarm list appear that many men are cripples and incurables, which will render it impracticable for them to march and perform the duties of a soldier. You are to examine their several cases and circumstances, and excuse them as occasion may require agreeable to the law in that case provided, taking care not to dismiss but hold them who are of ability of estate to be well furnished with arms, ammunition and ready to do whatever is reasonable to promote the defence of the rights and liberties of their country.

No returns are received from any brigade or regiment, by law directed to be done every two months.

I shall prepare and soon send you blanks for a return to begin the first of August, that all may be made similar. The rank and file in the first instance of return is to be only such as are not gone into the service of the continent or of this State.

An order was given on Elijah Hubbard to supply Messrs. Ebenezer Ledyard and Edward Hallam with flour needful for the troops in their departments. *Order drawn and d[d] to Mr. Ed[d]. Hallam July 21st*, 1777.

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Gave an order on John Deshon to deliver to Ed^{d} Hallam, commissary, twenty bushels of salt for the use of the troops at N. London.

Order drawn and d^{d} to Mr. Ed^{d} Hallam July 21st, 1777.

Gave an order on Mr. Andrew Huntington to deliver one hhd. N. England rum to Edward Hallam, for the use of the troops of this State at N. London. *Order drawn and d^{d} to Mr. Edwd Hallam July 21st*, 1777.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £600, L. money, in favour of Mr. Edward Hallam, commissary of the troops at N. London, to enable him to provide for said troops, and to render his account.

Order drawn July 21st, 1777, *d^{d} to Mr. Hallam.*

A commission was given by the Governor to the Honorable Roger Sherman, Saml Huntington and Titus Hosmer, Esqrs., to act as a committee from this State in conjunction with committees from the States of Massachusets Bay, N. Hampshire, Rhode Island and N. York, to consult on the state of the currency of those States, the expediency of calling in the same &c. Said committee to meet at Springfield on the 30th day of July instant &c. Said committee having been nominated and appointed to said service by this Council on Friday last, but not entered in this book till now.

The Governor gave a permit to Isaac Beers and Henry Daggett of New Haven, to transport 200 bushels of indian corn, 200 bushels of rye or rye flour equivalent, one ton of flax, and two barrels of salted beef, from this State to the Massachusets Bay in small boats under the inspection of Saml Bishop jun^{r}, Esqr, and to be exchanged for salt, oyl and sugar, for the use of the inhabitants. *Permit d^{d} to Roger Sherman, Esqr.*

At a meeting of the Governor and Council, Lebanon, July 22d, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Andrew Adams,	Esq^{rs}.
William Pitkin,	Benj. Huntington,	
Danl Sherman,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Nathl Wales jun^{r},		

A permit was given to Messrs. Vandervort, Drake, Sands & Co., to transport 25 hogsheads of sugar they now have on hand in this State into the State of New York for the use of its inhabitants, to be first inspected, marked and certifyed by Ezekiel Williams, Esqr, to be transported, any embargo notwithstanding; which is in the words following, *viz:*

State of Connecticut.

By the Governor.

Messrs. Comfort Sands, Joseph Drake, Peter Vandervort and Richd Sands, all of the State of New York, are to be permitted to transport from this State into the State of New York for the use of the army and friendly inhabitants in the latter State, twenty-five hogsheads of sugar now lying in Hartford: They first applying to Ezekiel Williams, Esqr, sheriff of the county of Hartford, and under his inspection and at their expence procuring the same to be properly marked and numbered, and removed as they see fit to any place of safety in this State, and carried out agreeable to an allowance of said Williams, in such manner as to prevent frauds in transporting such as are not permitted. These are permitted the embargo notwithstanding.

Given at Lebanon, the 22^{d} July, 1777.

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Orders were given to Brig^{r} Genl Erastus Wolcot in the same form as to Brig^{r} Genl Douglas yesterday.

Gave an order on Messrs. Elderkin and Wales for two hundred pounds of musquet powder to the selectmen of Voluntown, to be accounted for as part of their proportion of publick powder, to be accounted for.

Order d^{d} to Capt. Isaac Gallup, July 22^{d}, 1777.

Whereas it has been represented to this Board that there is a number of publick arms in the hands of Col. John Durkee in Norwich, which arms want considerable repairs before they can be fit for use: Resolved, that Col. Samuel Abbott receive said arms and give proper receipts for the number received, to take the most prudent method to have them repaired as soon as may be, and render his account accordingly.

Copy d^{d} to Genl Huntington, July 22^{d}, 1777.

Resolved, To draw on Capt. Wm. Tyley of Hartford for four tons of pig iron in his hands belonging to this State, in favour of Elijah Backus, Esqr, taking his receipt.

Order d^{d} to Genl Huntington. N.B. The first order mislaid a second given to Maj. J. Huntington Nov. 24th, 1777.

Resolved, That [a] company of artillery-men and matrosses to the number of thirty-four including officers be raised within the twentieth regiment of militia in this State, the non-commission'd officers and privates to be raised by voluntary inlistment, to exercise the field-pieces now mounted on carriages and at present in Norwich, to exercise and manage them in case of an invasion or attack from the enemy, to be subject to the orders and command of the Captain General and other their superior officers and the field officers of said regiment, and excused from any other military duty during their continuance in said company. The commissioned officers to be appointed by this Board, and non-commissioned officers to be chosen by said company; and all future vacancies of commissioned officers for said company to be supplied by the choice of the company.

And be it further resolved, That Jacob DeWitt be and he is hereby appointed to be Captain, Joseph Howland Captain Lieutenant, Isaac Abel Lieutenant, and Wm. Lax to be Lieutenant Fire-Worker of said company; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to commissionate them accordingly, with liberty to choose their non-commission'd officers and make return of their doings: Provided a number sufficient be inlisted in three weeks from this date.

Resolved, That Ralph Williams, a soldier in the service of this State, hath liberty to inlist into the continental service for three years or during the war.

Upon application from Sarah Ketchum of Fairfield, wife of James Ketchum, shewing to this Board that her husband is now at Huntington on Long Island and greatly desirous that she may be permitted to come to him with her family; that William Licet, now resident in this State, has a family at said Huntington, whom he is desirous to bring over into this State but cant procure the same to be done otherwise than by carrying over the said James Ketchum's family &c. to said Huntington; praying for liberty to go over with her children, household furniture and provisions, to said Huntington, to be exchanged for the family, household furniture and provisions for the family of the said William Licet &c., as per her written application on file: Resolved by this Board, that the said Sarah Ketchum be and she is

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hereby permitted to go over to said Huntington with her family, consisting of three small children, in order to be exchanged for the whole family of the said William Licet, and that she also be permitted to carry and keep her household furniture and some small quantity of family provisions: upon condition that the same indulgence be granted to the said William Licet, otherwise the same is to be returned. And Brig^r Genl Silliman is ordered to grant a flag accordingly.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, July 23d, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Benj. Huntington,	Esq^rs.
Dan^ll Sherman,	Andrew Adams,	
Wm. Hillhouse,		

Resolved, That Mr. Joseph Chew hath liberty to fish in any part of the fish pond that is contiguous to or within the limits of his present parole, and to go round the pond for that purpose: provided he commit no trespass.

Copy d^d to Mr. Chew July 23^d, 1777.

Resolved, That Mr. David Trumbull be and he is hereby appointed and impowered to purchase and procure four teams, to consist of one yoke of oxen, one horse and a convenient cart and proper tackling to each team, for this State, for the use of the works at Fort Trumbull this season, at as cheap a rate as he prudently can, and lay the expence thereof before this Board as soon as may be. *Copy d^d to Mr. D. Trumbull.*

Voted, To draw on Mr. David Trumbull for £25 5 10, in favour of John and Daniel Dewey, for carting powder and lead from Lebanon to Litchfield in July, 1777, and a load of cannon shot from Litchfield to Lebanon, as also for carting 2 loads from Lebanon to Norwich, and their expences, and to take receipt. *Order drawn July 23^d*, 1777.

Resolved, That Mr. Edward Hallam be and he is hereby directed to provide four ammunition carts for the use of the troops at New London &c. of a proper construction, observing to have them so made as to be usefull at the forts, taking advice of Col. Ely and Maj^r Saltonstall as to the construction of said carts. *Copy sent to Col. Ely July 26th*, 1777.

Resolved, That Mr. John Raymond be and he is hereby appointed to engage twelve draught-horses in New London, to be ready on the shortest notice to go to N. London, to be used in the field-carriages or other uses on any emergency: The horses to be apprized by indifferent men, their hire to be paid whilst in actual service. and the price of them to be paid if lost in publick use; and he is desired to confer with Maj^r Wm. Hillhouse and take his directions therein.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Lebanon, July 24th, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Andrew Adams,	Esq^rs.
James Wadsworth,	Benj. Huntington,	
Nathl Wales, jun^r,		

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Upon the petition of Katherine Spalden, late from Scotland in Europe now resident in Norwalk in this State, shewing to this Board that she with her husband some years since came from said Scotland to N. York; that about three years ago her husband set out on a voyage to Europe, since which she has not heard from him and has reason to think he is dead; that upon the enemy's coming to New York she fled to said Norwalk with some small effects; that there came with her from said New York one James Bradley who is now sick with a consumption and depends altogether upon said Katherine for supplies; that she has parents now living at said Scotland and no connections in this country; praying for liberty to go to New York with said Bradley, in order to get a passage from thence to said Scotland for herself with her wearing apparel and household furniture, as per petition on file: Resolved by this Board, that the said Katherine be and she is hereby permitted to go to New York with said Bradley, and to take with her her household furniture and wearing apparrel, for the purpose aforesaid, and that Brig^r Genl Silliman be directed to grant a flag for that purpose accordingly. *Copy d^d to Mr. Hatch, July 25th*, 1777.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Lebanon, July 25th, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Wm. Pitkin, Nath^ll Wales, jun^r, Andrew Adams, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

The fore part of this day in preparing letters to Genl Washington and to the members of Congress &c.

Upon the desire of Peter Bulkley and others, church wardens, and Jon^th Sturges, Thaddeus Burr &c., at the request of the civil authority, selectmen and committee of inspection at Fairfield, that the Rev^d Mr. John Sayer may be released from his confinement at Farmington and return to Fairfield to his cure &c.: Resolved by this Board, that the said Mr. Sayer be and he is hereby permitted to return to Fairfield and there remain within the limits of the first society in Fairfield; he giving bond with sufficient surety for his future good behaviour. And said Jonathan Sturges and Thaddeus Burr, Esq^rs, are impowered and directed to take a bond in such sum and sureties as they judge sufficient, conditioned as abovementioned; and Col. Lee is directed to release him from his care, transmitting a copy of this resolve by said Mr. Sayer to be delivered to said Sturges and Burr, Esq^rs, for their direction. *Copy d^d to Col. Lee July 25th*, 1777.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Lebanon, July 26th, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Nath^ll Wales, jun^r, Andrew Adams, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

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The fore part of this day was taken up in preparing sundry letters to head quarters, delegates at Congress, &c. Sent per Sam[l] Hunt, express.

Orders were given to Col. John Ely concerning ammunition carts, teams, tools, utensils, draught horses, paymaster, commissary of ordnance-stores, muster-master, artificers, magazines, SayBrook Fort well, &c., as on file.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Lebanon, July 28th, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Andrew Adams,	Esq[rs].
Wm Hillhouse,	Benj. Huntington,	
Nath[l] Wales jun[r],		

A permit was given to Sam[l] Burrell of Norwalk, to transport out of this State 30 bb. of flour and fifty bushels of rye to Dartmouth on board a boat, to be exchanged for West India goods.

A like permit was given to Jesse Lockwood of the same town, for 30 bb. flour and 400 bushels of rye and indian corn, to the same place and for the same purpose.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, July 29th, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Huntington,	Esq[rs].
Wm. Hillhouse,	Benj. Payne,	
Andrew Adams,		

An order was given on the Treasurer to deliver five hundred pounds weight of musquet powder to the selectmen of Symsbury or order, taking their receipt to account. *Order d[d] to Mr. Joseph Tuller, selectman.*

His Excellency the Governor was taken up in the morning in considering the petition of John Denniss for a reprieve, but on consideration could see no cause for a reprieve, and the petition dismissed.*

Capt. Cotton of Middletown came in for advice in some difficulties he meets with in building the continental ship, as also for some directions how to obtain needful monies and provisions for carrying on that work, and was heard and answered.

Resolved, That Mr. David Trumbull be desired to send two teams to East Hartford, to receive and bring to Lebanon, to remain under his care, five hundred stands or one half of the arms lately received from the laboratory at Springfield and now lodged in the hands of Capt. Russell Woodbridge, who is desired to deliver the same accordingly.

That he send up by the same teams a set of tyer for a four-wheel'd carriage, to the care of said Capt Woodbridge, to be used by the selectmen of Hartford for mounting a piece of cannon lately brought from Windsor and now under the care of said selectmen and proper receipts taken for the same.

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*John Dennis of New London, mariner, was tried at the superior court at New London, March, 1777, for the murder of William Garrick, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged.

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At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Lebanon, July 30th, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Benj. Payne, Nath[l] Wales jun[r], Wm. Hillhouse, Benj. Huntington, } Esq[rs].

An order was given on Capt. Ephraim Bill, in favour of Thos. Mumford, Esq[r], for two hundred and thirty-five gallons of rum, to [be] paid out of the State's stores for the like quantity borrowed of him, with orders to give intelligence if he has none on hand nor can get any.

Order d[d] to Mr. Mumford July 30th, 1777.

Orders were given to the several brigadiers general, to order to put the militia of this State into readiness to march on the shortest notice to any place that may be attacked.

At five o'clock p. m. an express arrived from head quarters at Peekskill, with intelligence that Gen[l] Washington had marched with the main body of his army to the southward toward Philadelphia, expecting that the British fleet were gone there, and they at Peekskill were apprehensive of a decoy in the motions of the enemy and that their return might be expected and an attack upon their post, requesting the militia &c. Upon which a dispatch was sent to Springfield to the Committees of the States sitting there, for their advice &c., and that ammunition might be forwarded from the laboratory there to Peekskill &c. Orders being previously given as above to the brigadier generals and renewed and enforced.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Lebanon, July 31st, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Benj. Payne, Nath[l] Wales jun[r], Benj. Huntington, } Esq[rs].

A permit was given to James Church to ship and transport two tons of flour, two hundred bushels of corn and some onions and eight barrels of provision to the Massachusetts: the barrels of provision for use of a vessell, &c., and the remainder to be exchanged for salt &c.

A permit was given to Charles Caldwell to ship and transport to the Massachusetts Bay seven tons of flour on board the sloop *Elenor*, Capt. Benj. Horton master, for Bedford, for the purpose of purchasing salt &c.

A permit was given to Thomas Clark of Nantucket, to transport out of this State to the Massachusets Bay.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Lebanon, August first, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Benj. Payne, Wm. Pitkin, Nath[l] Wales jun[r], James Wadsworth, Benj. Huntington, } Esq[rs].

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A consultation was had in consequence of letters from Gen[l] Schuyler, from the Convention of N. York requesting two thous[d] of the militia of this State to join the continental forces at the northward, in order to repulse the progress of the enemy making an inroad in that part of the country. The whole of this day spent on the subject, and a further consideration of the matter is deferred till tomorrow.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, AUGUST 2[D], 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq[rs].
Wm. Pitkin,	Nath[l] Wales jun[r],	
James Wadsworth,	Benj. Huntington,	
Benj. Payne,		

Barber, the post, having returned from the Committees met at Springfield, the subject of yesterday's consultation was again resumed.

Seth Mayo of Nantucket was permitted to purchase 300 bushels of rye and indian corn in this State by exchange for salt and transport the same in his boat *Fanny* to Nantucket.

A letter was sent to Gen[l] Schuyler by his own express, informing of the determination of this Board, agreeable to their former proposal, to forward troops to join the continental army at Peekskill with expectation that the army at the northward will be reinforced from the continental troops at Peekskill or more southern parts, which appears to this Board to serve the common cause much better than to reinforce the northern army with militia, as well on account of the facility of the march and the steadiness of the continental troops inured to service, which renders them preferable to the militia who are impatient of a lengthy campaign.

Resolved, That Mr. Andrew Huntington be directed to send one hhd. N. England rum to the care of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq[r], for the use of the troops at Groton, taking receipt. *Order d[d] to Capt. Eb[r]. Mosely.*

Orders were given to Col. Ely to remove the platform from the old fort in N. London town to Fort Trumbull.

Resolved, That Jed[h] Elderkin and Nath[l] Wales jun[r], Esq[rs], send one ton of gunpowder to Maj[r] Gen[l] Jabez Huntington, for the use of this State.
Copy d[d] to Gen[l] Huntington.

Resolved, That Maj[r] Gen[l] Jabez Huntington be desired to send one hundred and fifty pound weight of musquet powder and ten fire-arms sent to him from Windham to Capt. John Deshon for the brig *Defence*, and 500*lb.* w[t] of musquet powder one half to Maj[r] Nath[l] Saltonstall, the other half to Maj[r] Wm. Ledyard, for the use of the forts at New London and Groton.
Copy d[d] to Gen[l] Huntington.

Voted, To confirm an order drawn by the Governor on Col. Pitkin or John Lawrence for 200*lb.* powder, in favour of Col. Hamlin, for the use of the miners at Middletown. *Order dated July 31st*, 1777.

Job Bartram is established Captain, David Wheeler Lieutenant, and Sam[l] Silliman Ensign, of the first company of alarm list in the fourth regiment of militia in this State, and his Excellency the Governor is desired to commissionate them accordingly.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, AUGUST 4TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Wm. Pitkin, Nath[l] Wales jun[r],
James Wadsworth, Benj. Huntington,
Benj. Payne, } Esq[rs].

Sundry matters of a publick nature, especially with regard to the present movements of the enemy to the northward and westward, those at the northward having penetrated the country as far as Fort Edward, and the fleet at the westward having arrived within the capes of Delaware, which calls for our most speedy and vigorous efforts to prevent the mischief designed.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, AUGUST 5TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Wm. Pitkin, Wm. Hillhouse,
James Wadsworth, Benj. Huntington,
Benj. Payne, Nath[l] Wales jun[r], } Esq[rs].

This day spent in preparing letters and sending expresses to Providence, Boston &c., giving information of the situation of the affairs of the army at the westward, and in consultation on sundry matters of the publick, as calling the Assembly to set at Hartford on the 2[d] Wednesday of August instant.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 6TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Wm. Pitkin, Nath[l] Wales jun[r],
James Wadsworth, Benj. Huntington,
Benj. Payne, } Esq[rs].

A letter was received by Gen[l] Wadsworth from B. Gen[l]. Silliman, inclosing copies of letters from Gen[l] Parsons and Col. Root to him, as also a copy of another from Gen[l] Washington to Gen[l] Putnam, informing that the enemy had sail'd out from the capes of Delaware on an eastern course, and requesting the militia of Gen[l] Silliman's brigade. An express immediately after arriv'd with letters from Peekskill informing of the same and that the army at Peekskill are in reasonable apprehension of an attack at the Highlands. Gen. Silliman in his informs that in consequence of the above-mentioned copies he ordered the two northern regiments of his brigade to march immediately to Peekskill, also a detachment of Col. Enos's regiment in Fairfield county and one company of horse from the 3[d] regiment and the whole of the 5th regiment to march to the same place; which is approved of by the Governor and Council.

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A letter was received from Brig^{r} O. Wolcott, in which he informs that he has ordered all the effective men of Sheldon's, Hart's and Humphrey's regiments, who have not done a tour of duty under the late act and by law are liable to do duty out of the State, to march well arm'd &c. and with 4 days provision, to Peekskill to defend that post which seems to [be] the enemy's object; which orders of Genl Wolcott are approved.

The Council, in order to promote the march of militia to Peekskill, gave orders to the Pay-Table in the words following:

LEBANON, AUGUST 6TH, 1777.

Gent^{n}: Draw on the Treasurer of this State for the sum of one thousand pounds, in favour of Brig^{r} Genl Oliver Wolcott; one thousand pounds, in favour of Brig^{r} Genl G. S. Silliman; four hundred pounds, in favour of Brig^{r} Genl Erastus Wolcott, and three hundred pounds, in favour of Brig^{r} Genl Andrew Ward, to be by them paid and delivered to the commanding officers of the marching militia from their brigades towards Peekskill for the purpose of advancing 18*s*. to each non-commission officer and soldier, and the remainder to be in the hands of those officers to defray contingent charges of the march, for which they are to be accountable. You may take care to forward the sum to Genl O. Wolcott per Mr. Shelden the bearer, and the rest to the other generals above mentioned per express if no other conveyance offers without delay.

By order the Govr and Council of Safety,
JONTH TRUMBULL *Govr*.

To the Committee of Pay-Table at Hartford.

Orders were given to Brig^{r} Erastus Wolcott to draught 400 men of his brigade proper officered and equipped, to go on horse-back to Peekskill, and like orders were given to Brig^{r} Genl Ward for three hundred of his brigade.

Resolved, That one Brigadier Genl Ward shall take the command of the militia now ordered to Peekskill, and Brig^{r} Genl Andrew Ward jun^{r}, Esqr, is chosen to take the said command.

Resolved, To send forward the hundred barrels of continental powder (now stored in Lebanon) to Farmington, to the care of Mr. Thos. Lewis, to be stored under a proper guard untill further orders from Genl Washington or this Board, and that an express be sent to Peekskill to the general officers there, to inform them thereof that they make use of the same if needful; also to send a number of flints to the care of the same gentleman.

Letters were sent to Gen^{ls} Erastus Wolcott, Oliver Wolcott, Silliman and Ward, with orders to draught men from their brigades as resolved by this Board, and a letter was sent to Brig^{r} Genl Silliman in the words following, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

To the Honble Brigadier Genl Silliman.

Yours of the 4th instant have before me, informing that you have given orders to the two northern regiments in your brigade, a detachment from Col. Enos's battalion, one troop of horse from the 3^{d} regiment, and the whole of the 5th regiment of horse, to march immediately to Peekskill for the defence of that post, in consequence of letters received from Gen^{ls} Washington, Parsons &c., which is approved of.

Agreeable to your request have sent forward by a waggon a quantity of flints to Woodbury, to the care of Gideon Walker, Esqr, &c.

6th August, 1777.

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A permit was given to Thomas Wilkins to exchange some West India goods for flour, butter, cheese, hog's lard and flax, and export the same to the Massachusets.

A permit was given to one Mr. Jarvis to transport a quantity of flour to Bedford to be exchanged for West India goods.

A permit was given to Hezekiah Freeman, captain of the schooner *Go and Come*, to ship a quantity of lumber and poultry and export the same to the French West Indies, to purchase West India goods &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 7TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esqrs.
William Pitkin,	Nathl Wales junr,	
James Wadsworth,	Benj. Huntington,	
Benj. Payne,		

Nathl Wales 3d is accepted and established to be Captain, Joseph Coy Lieutenant, and Ebenezer Bingham, Ensign, of the first company of alarm list in the 5th regiment, and his Excellency the Governor is desired to commission them accordingly. *Commissions were granted August 7th*, 1777.

Resolved by this Board, Pursuant to an application made by Mr. Danl Brush late resident in the State of New York together with a letter of recommendation relative to the character, conduct and behaviour of the said Brush, dated the 23d of July, 1777, signed by Thomas Treadwell, that the said Brush be and he is hereby released and freed from any restraint laid upon him in consequence of any act or resolve of this Board; and that the said Brush be permitted to negociate his affairs within this State as the free people have a right to do: Provided he, the said Brush, avoid all correspondence with the enemy and duly conform to the laws and government of this State. *Copy given August 7th*, 1777.

Resolved, That Mr. David Trumbull be and he is hereby impowered and desired to procure teams and to convey one hundred barrels of continental powder from Lebanon to Farmington, to the care of Mr. Thomas Lewis, or to go forward as Genl Washington may direct, for the use of the army. Also that he procure a waggoner to go with the waggon purchased here, to remain in the service at the same wages that others have or return if that dont suit him, and that the waggon at the direction of the Governor be loaded with supplies and refreshments for the troops from this State, to be directed to the proper commissaries attending the army, and to attend his Excellency's orders therein. *Copy drawn off August 7th*, 1777.

A packet of letters were sent by his Excellency to Peekskill to Genl Washington and others by the hand of Jonn Palmer, Esqr.

Resolved. Draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £22 12 5, in favour of Majr Genl James Wadsworth, for a journey and expence of himself and waiter to Fort Edward on publick business July, 1777, as per his account.

Order dd to Genl Wadsworth August 8th, 1777.

Resolved, That Mr. David Trumbull be and he is hereby desired to send (by a team) two hogsheads of the State's rum or spirit in his hands to the care of Capt. Ephraim Bill of Norwich, who is desired to receive the same and pay or replace to Thomas Mumford. Esqr, of Groton equivalent to two hundred and thirty-five gallons of rum borrowed of him, observing the quality of the rum borrowed and of that replaced, that justice may be done.

Copy drawn off August 8th, 1777.

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AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA HOLDEN AT HARTFORD BY SPECIAL ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, ANNO DOM. 1777.

Present:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*
The Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*
Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Roger Sherman, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Oliver Wolcott, Esqr,
Samuel Huntington, Esqr, } *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz. :

[The names of the Deputies are not recorded.]

An Act in Addition to a Law of this State entituled An Act for the Punishment of High Treason and other atrocious Crimes against the State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person accused of any of the crimes mentioned in said act, who on examination before proper authority shall be adjudged worthy to be held to tryal for the same, shall be set at liberty on bail but committed to prison, there to remain untill delivered by due course of law.

An Act in further Addition to a Law of this State intituled An Act for the Direction of Listers in their Office and Duty.

Whereas all persons by law rateable ought to be taxed for the support of government and the common defence in proportion to the value of their estates and annual incomes, for which further provision is necessary to be made,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the civil authority and selectmen in the respective towns, or other persons specially appointed by the town for that purpose, or the major part of them, shall be Assessors, who together with the listers shall according to their best judgment assess all traders, tradesmen, artificers, attorneys at law, physicians, surgeons, tavern-keepers, owners of mills, iron-works, ware-houses, work-houses, graziers, drovers, and others by law rateable for their faculty, at the amount of

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their clear annual profits, and add the same to their list of polls and rateable estate at the times appointed by law; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. And all persons shall be set in the list at the rate of six *per cent.* for the monies due to them on interest on good security, deducting what they pay interest for, if any be. That cattle and sheep let out on shares or on loan shall be set in the list of the owner at the rate of six *per cent.* on their just value. And persons who make a business of buying and selling the necessaries or conveniences of life and by engrossing the same or other artificial methods enhance the prices thereof and thereby make great gains to themselves, the least dealer in that way shall be set in the list fifty pounds, and others in like proportion according to their gains.

Whereas it is justly apprehended that the distilling of brandy from cyder will occasion a scarcity of that drink, so comfortable and usefull in this State, and in a great measure deprive the inhabitants, especially the poorer sort, of the benefit and use of cyder,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person or persons whatsoever within this State shall distill any brandy or spirituous liquor of any kind from cyder at any time before the rising of this Assembly in May next, on penalty that the person or persons who shall be guilty of the breach of this act and duly convicted thereof before any court proper to try the same shall forfeit fourfold the value of such cyder so distilled: one-half to the treasurer of the town wherein the offence shall be committed, and the other half to the person, if a common informer, who shall prosecute the same to effect; and all informing officers are hereby directed to make due presentment of all breaches of this act, in which case the whole forfeiture shall be paid into the town treasury: Provided nevertheless, that it shall be lawfull for the civil authority and selectmen of the several towns, to grant licence in writing under their hands to the inhabitants to distill or procure to be distilled small quantities of cyder to supply their own families with such spirits only as are in their opinion absolutely necessary for their own use and consumption, taking care that no engrosser or monopolist or other person that shall offer or give any extravagant price for such cyder have any permission for that purpose; anything in this act contained notwithstanding.

An Act for repealing an Act entituled An Act to prevent Monopolies and Oppression by excessive and unreasonable Prices of Many of the Necessaries and Conveniences of Life, and also an Act entituled An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act of this State entituled An Act to prevent Monopolies and Oppression by excessive and unreasonable Prices of the Necessaries and Conveniences of Life.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That said acts be and the same are hereby repealed and made void.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council of Safety, be and is hereby fully authorized and impowered to permit and allow any person or persons to distil spirituous liquor commonly called Geneva, or any other spirits from wheat, rye or indian corn, for the use of the army or the inhabitants of this State, to be sold and disposed of for the uses aforesaid at such reasonable price as shall be affixed and agreed upon by the Governor and Council of Safety with the person or persons obtaining such permission or allowance in manner aforesaid; and any person or persons obtaining such permission or allowance in manner aforesaid, and who shall conform thereto in selling the spirits by them distilled at the price affixed and in every other respect, may lawfully set up and carry on the business of distilling in manner aforesaid, any law or resolution of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Declaration of the United Colonies of New Hamshire, Massachusets Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pensylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, made by their Delegates in General Congress assembled at Philadelphia on the fourth day of July, 1776, declaring said Colonies to be Free and Independent States, be recorded at length in the records of this Assembly, that the memory thereof may be preserved to posterity.

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4th, 1776.

The Unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to a separation.

We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence indeed will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are most disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed, but when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is

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their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies, and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his assent to Laws the most wholesome and necessary for the publick good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained, and when so suspended he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time after such dissolutions to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large for their exercise: the State remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the Population of these States, for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of land.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harrass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us in times of peace Standing Armies without the consent of our Legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of Armed Troops among us.

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For protecting them by a mock tryal from punishment for any murthers which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States.

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world.

For imposing Taxes on us without our consent.

For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Tryal by Jury.

For Transporting us beyond seas to be tryed for pretended offences.

For abolishing the free system of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies.

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments.

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated government here by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of Foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny already begun, with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow citizens taken captive on the high seas, to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited Domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations which would inevitably interrupt our connexions and correspondence; they too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must therefore acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America,

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in general Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, Do, in the name and by the authority of the good people of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are and of right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved, and that as Free and Independent States they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honour.

JOHN HANCOCK.

Georgia	Button Gwinnett. Lyman Hall. Geo. Walton.
North Carolina.	Wm. Hooper. Joseph Hewes. John Penn.
South Carolina.	Edward Rutledge. Thos Heyward junr. Thomas Lynch junr. Arthur Middleton.
Maryland.	Samuel Chase. Wm. Paca. Thos Stone. Charles Carroll of Carrolton.
Virginia	George Wythe. Richd Henry Lee. Thomas Jefferson. Benja. Harrison. Thomas Nelson junr. Francis Lightfoot Lee. Carter Braxton.
Pennsylvania	Robert Morriss. Benjamin Rush. Benja. Franklin. John Morton. George Clymer. Jas. Smith. George Taylor. James Willson. George Ross.
Delaware.	Caesar Rodney. Geo. Read.
New York.	Wm. Floyd. Phil. Livingston. Francis Lewiss. Lewiss Morriss.
New Jersey	Richd Stockton. John Witherspoon. Fras Hopkinson. John Hart. Abra. Clark.
New Hampshire	Josiah Bartlett William Whipple. Matthew Thornton.
Massachusets Bay	Samuel Adams. John Adams. Robt Treat Payne. Elbridge Gerry.
Rhode Island and Providence &c.	Stephen Hopkins. William Ellery.
Connecticut.	Roger Sherman. Samuel Huntington. William Williams. Oliver Wolcott.

In Congress, Jany 18th, 1777.

Ordered, That an authenticated copy of the Declaration of Independency with the names of the Members of Congress subscribing the same be sent to each of the United States, and that they be desired to have the same put on record.

By Order of Congress John Hancock President.

Attest. CHAS. THOMSON *Secry*. A true copy, JOHN HANCOCK, President.

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In compliance with a resolution of the Congress of the United States of the 31st of July, 1777,

Resolved by this Assembly, That a proper person be appointed within the limits of each brigade in this State, to recruit men to fill up the regiments raised in this State to serve in the continental army, who shall give bond with sufficient surety to the Governor and Company of this State in the sum of two thousand pounds, lawfull money, for the faithfull discharge of his duty and rendering just accounts of all public monies that shall come to his hands. And the persons so appointed shall have authority to take up, receive and secure, all deserters from the army that shall come within their respective districts, and when force is necessary for this purpose they shall apply to some commanding officer of the militia who shall afford the necessary aid; and said person shall receive eight dollars for every effective man by him inlisted to serve for three years or during the war, and five dollars for each deserter by them taken up and secured, in full for his trouble and expence, agreeable to said resolution of Congress. And for the encouragement of the men to enter the said service they shall have liberty at the time of their inlistment to make choice of the regiment, troop or company, in which they will serve: provided such regiment, troop or company is not full, and if it is they may choose any other regiment, troop or company which is not full, which shall be entered against their names and returned to the officer appointed to receive such recruits, who shall at the time they are sent to join their corps transmit the same to the general or commanding officer.

And it is further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor with advice of the Council of Safety be authorized and desired to appoint convenient places of rendezvous within this State for receiving recruits and deserters, and give information thereof to General Washington, and to give the necessary orders for carrying this resolution into execution. And each effective man who shall inlist as aforesaid shall be entitled to a bounty of ten pounds from this State besides the allowances made by Congress. And said recruiting officers shall be excused from other military service during their continuance in said office.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the officers of the two battalions of militia now ordered to march and join the northern army be detached from the several brigades in this State in the following order, *viz:*

From the first brigade,	1	Lieutenant Colonel.
	3	Captains.
	3	Lieutenants.
	4	Ensigns.
From the second brigade,	1	Colonel.
	3	Captains.
	3	Lieutenants.
	2	Ensigns.

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From the third brigade,	1	Colonel.
	4	Captains.
	4	Lieutenants.
	4	Ensigns.
From the fourth brigade,	2	Lieutenants.
From the fifth brigade,	1	Lieutenant Colonel.
	1	Major.
	4	Captains.
	3	Lieutenants.
	4	Ensigns.
From the sixth brigade,	1	Major.
	2	Captains.
	1	Lieutenant.
	2	Ensigns.

That the officers from the 1st, 2d, 6th, and one lieutenant from the 4th brigade, belong to the first of said battalions, and that the officers from the third, fifth, and one lieutenant from the 4th brigade, belong to the second of said battalions; that the colonels of the two battalions nominate and appoint the necessary staff officers of their regiments respectively; that the commanding officers of each brigade do and shall detach and appoint the field officers, captains and subalterns for the said two battalions according to the above proportion; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to issue his orders to the officers commanding the several brigades accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the selectmen of the respective towns within this State be directed to provide for the families of the non-commission officers and soldiers raised by this State for the continental army with whatever necessaries such families may want, at the rate established by a late law of this State fixing the prices at which the necessaries and convenient articles of life should be sold at, to the amount of any sum such non-commission officer and soldier shall deposit in their hands, not exceeding three quarters of their wages, at the expence of such towns wherein the families of such non-commission officers and soldiers dwelt at the time of their inlistment till the first day of December next, before which time this Assembly will make such other provisions for said families as shall be equitable and just; and such selectmen are directed to procure such necessaries at the most reasonable rate, and if necessary shall apply to some Assistant or justice of peace, who shall issue a warrant to impress such necessaries, the value whereof shall be apprized by indifferent persons appointed by the authority issuing such warrant, and thereupon the price at which such necessaries are apprized shall be paid by such selectmen. Provided, that if any town has appointed a committee to provide for the families of such non-commission officers and soldiers, such committee shall have the same authority as by this act is given selectmen, and it shall be their duty to provide for said families accordingly.

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Whereas many of the inhabitants of this State were wounded by the British troops in their incursion to Danbury in April last, whereby they have been put to great expence and no provisions made by law for payment thereof to such persons,

Resolved by this Assembly, That every person who was wounded in any action with the British troops in their said incursion shall be paid out of the treasury of this State all his reasonable expenditures for surgeons, medicines, boarding and nurses; and the Committee of Pay-Table is hereby directed and impowered to examine and adjust all such accounts as shall be presented to them, and the same or such parts thereof as they shall find to be just and right to draw upon the Treasurer for payment of the same.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the two battalions of militia now ordered to be raised in this act, to consist of seven hundred and twenty-eight men each including commission officers, to be appointed and to join and assist the northern army of the United States, be raised from the several brigades in the following proportions, *viz:* From the first brigade two hundred and ninety-two; from the second, two hundred and forty; from the third, three hundred and thirty-one; from the fourth, sixty; from the fifth, three hundred and thirty-one; and from the sixth, one hundred and thirty men, exclusive of commission officers.

Resolved by this Assembly, That one half of the troops of light-horse within this State, not now in actual service, and who are by order of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety detached and held in readiness to march at the shortest notice, do, as soon as may be, march to and join the continental army in the northern department and act under the direction of the commander-in-chief of said army, and continue in said service two months from the time they join the army, unless sooner discharged.

Resolved, That one regiment, to consist of 728 men including officers, be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment, to continue in service untill the first day of January next, unless sooner dismist, to be subject to the orders of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, and to serve in the northern department or elsewhere in this or the neighbouring States, and that each non-commission officer and soldier who shall so inlist shall receive one months advanced pay and a bounty of four pounds ten shillings, lawfull money, and if he provide himself arms and accoutrements shall be allowed the further sum of fifteen shillings, and also fifteen shillings more to such as provide themselves with a blanket and knapsack. They shall also be allowed the same pay, subsistance and refreshments, that are allowed to the continental troops raised in this State. And his Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Council of Safety is desired to

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issue the necessary orders for carrying these resolutions into execution.*

Resolved, That the raising the regiment ordered by this Assembly to be raised for the defence of this or the neighbouring States be postponed for the present, and that his Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Council of Safety have power to give all necessary orders for raising the same if it shall be necessary in the recess of the General Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to write to the commanding officers of the respective battalions raised in this State to serve in the continental army, and request them to cause true and authentic returns to be made of the non-commission officers and soldiers inlisted or detached to serve in the nine and half battalions ordered to be raised in this State, containing therein their rank, names, and the names of the towns to which they belonged, the time of their inlistment or detachment, and term for which they are to serve, with a particular account of those who have deserted or not joined, and those who have been hired for three years or during the war, agreeable to the recommendation of Congress, and by whom hired. And his Excellency is further desired to issue orders to the several brigadier generals of the militia in this State, directing them to give orders to the colonels of the respective regiments within their brigades, to cause true returns to be made of the names of all the non-commissioned officers and soldiers who have inlisted or been detached to serve in the continental army, the towns and companies to which they belonged, those that have been hired and by whom as aforesaid, and the names of those who have not joined their corps, specially noting those who have been detained by sickness, and the same transmit to his Excellency as soon as may.

Whereas a large party of the militia have been ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Council of Safety, to march to Peekskill under the command of Brig^r General Ward, to reinforce the army there on the requisition of Maj^r General Putnam desiring they might be sent on horseback with suitable persons to return the horses: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table receive, examine and adjust, all such accounts as shall be exhibited to them for the hire of such horses, at three pence per mile, persons employed to return said horses at four shillings *per diem* and expences of such persons and horsekeeping in assisting the aforesaid party in their march, and give orders on the Treasurer for such sums as they shall judge just and reasonable.

* A draught for a proclamation for the raising this regiment, dated Aug. 16, and approved by both Houses, is in *Rev. War*, vii, 405.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That forty shillings be advanced in part pay to each of the non-commission officers and privates in the troops of light-horse ordered by this Assembly and now on their march to join the northern army, and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer of this State therefor accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the sum of three pounds, lawfull money, additional bounty, be paid to each of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers in the company of rangers under the command of Capt. Silvanus Mead, ordered to be raised by this Assembly in May last for the defence of this and the other United States.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the two regiments of militia now ordered to march and join the northern army be held in said service two months from the time they shall join said army, unless sooner discharged; that they have the like pay, wages, allowances and refreshments, as the continental troops receive, and one half gill of rum per man per day while on their march to join said army; that each non-commissioned officer and soldier who shall be duly discharged shall receive the sum of forty shillings bounty for each kalendar month he shall continue in service, and in that proportion for any term less than one month, on his return, and that twenty shillings be advanced to each of them before they march; that the divisions not heretofore drafted for any special tour of duty be detached, and if a sufficient number do not appear to go forth on this service that the same be compleated by an indiscriminate peremptory draught from the able-bodied effective men in the company under fifty years of age, excepting such as are exempted from actual service by reason of hiring men for the continental army, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is further resolved, That if any person of the alarm list or training band peremptorily drafted as aforesaid shall neglect to march agreeable to the above resolve, and shall not procure some able-bodied man in his room within twenty-four hours from the time of his being so drafted, not making a reasonable excuse to the satisfaction of the officer who drafted him, shall be considered as a soldier in the army for the time aforesaid and treated as such; that those who shall march on horseback be allowed four pence per mile out for each horse, and that sufficient carriages to transport their baggage be provided for those who shall march on foot; that they be supplied with provisions on their march, and that his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby impowered and desired to appoint some suitable person or persons to furnish such provisions and carriages accordingly; that arms and accoutrements be provided for those unable to provide for themselves agreeable to the law in that case made and provided; that a sufficient number of tents and canteens be provided from the several towns, which the commanding officers of said battalions are to

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take proper measures to have returned, and in case that any shall be lost or damaged in the service that they be paid for by the State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That two battalions consisting of 728 men each, officers included, of the militia of this State, be ordered to march with the utmost expedition to join and assist the continental army in the northern department.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel McLallen, Esqr, to be Colonel, Noah Phelps to be Lieutenant Colonel, and Bezaleel Beebe, Esqr, to be Major of the battalion now to be raised.

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Captain General and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Connecticut,

To Greeting:

I do hereby authorize and impower you by beat of drum or otherwise, to raise a company of able-bodied effective volunteers within this State, to consist of ninety men officers included, to serve in the northern department or elsewhere in this or the neighboring States, untill the first day of January next, unless sooner discharged. And the colonels of the respective regiments and the several officers thereof are required to afford you all proper aid and assistance, and the captains in the several regiments are hereby required to muster their respective companies when requested thereunto by you for the purpose aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 13th day of August, A.D. 1777.

In the Lower House: The above form is read and approved &c.

Attest. BENJA. HUNTINGTON, *Cler.*

Concur'd in the Upper House, *Test.* GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secret^{y}.*

I of do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily inlisted myself a soldier to serve untill the first day of January next in a regiment of foot raised by the State of Connecticut for the defence thereof and the neighbouring States, to be subject to the orders and directions of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, to be commanded by as witness my hand the day of in the year of our Lord 1777.

In the Lower House: The above form is read and approved &c.

Attest. BENJA. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

Concur'd in the Upper House. *Test.* GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secr^{y}.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That the non-commissioned officers and soldiers who were drafted from the militia and served at the station of New London and places adjacent and continued in that service for the term of two months in May, June and July last, shall be paid by the Treasurer of this State a bounty of twenty shillings, L. money, to each man; and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw upon the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That the names of the members of the General Assembly to whom the oath of fidelity is administred be inrolled in the records of this Assembly, and that the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit to the Secretary a list of the names of the members of that House to whom said oath shall be administred.

Resolved by this Assembly, That for the purpose of supplying the treasury of this State a rate or tax of one shilling on the pound upon the grand list be raised upon the poles and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State upon the lists of the year 1776, and that the same be paid into the treasury by the first day of November next; and the Treasurer is hereby directed and impowered to issue his warrants for collecting and paying in the same accordingly.

Whereas this Assembly at their session in October, 1776, resolved and ordered that before any gun is purchased for this State it shall be loaded and fired with four inches of good powder and two suitable balls &c., which proof is found to be too high, unnecessary and dangerous: Therefore, resolved by this Assembly, that for the future before any gun is purchased for the State it shall be loaded and fired with three inches of good powder and two suitable balls and otherwise proved as ordered in the resolve aforesaid; and the examiners of firearms and the committee for purchasing the same are directed to conform themselves accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That those persons who assist the printer in this town at the printing business be excused from doing duty in the training-field this day;* and the officers of the military company or companys to which they belong are hereby directed to excuse them accordingly.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that a certain pamphlet entituled *A Discourse upon Extortion* is now in the press in Hartford, containing many insulting reflections on civil government, tending to sedition, bloodshed and domestic insurrections, and that the same is expected soon to be published and dispersed among the people, to the great danger of the public peace and the safety of the good people of these United States: It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that a precept be immediately issued, directed to the sheriff of the county of Hartford, requiring him to seize the said pamphlet and all the copies thereof and commit the same to the care of the Attorney for this State in the county of Hartford, who is hereby directed carefully to inspect the same and pursue such measures relative thereto as he shall judge to be reasonable and proper.

* August 22d, *Rev. War*, vii, 416.

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This Assembly do appoint Daniel Hall of Durham to be Justice of the Peace in and for the county of New Haven untill the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Nehemiah Brainerd, Esqr, to be Justice of the Peace within and for the county of Hartford untill the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Montgomery a Surgeon and Physician to the detachment of light-horse ordered to join the continental army in the northern department, with the pay and rations of a surgeon's mate in the continental army.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Superior Court to be holden at Fairfield in the county of Fairfield on the last Tuesday save one of August instant be and the same is hereby adjourned to the fourth Tuesday of November next, to be holden at Fairfield aforesaid in the county aforesaid, and that all the causes and matters depending in said court be accordingly adjourned with the court, and that all parties concerned take notice thereof accordingly.

The Oath of Fidelity appointed by the law of this State was duly administred to the gentlemen members of this Assembly whose names hereafter follow, *viz:*

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*
The Honble Matthew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Roger Sherman, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Oliver Wolcott, Esqr,
Samuel Huntington, } *Assistants.*

		Mr. John Hoit jun^{r}.
Colo. John Pitkin.	Mr. Joseph Hopkins.	Mr. Daniel Betts jun^{r}.
Mr. Benja. Payne.	Capt. Ezra Brunson.	Mr. Moses Comstock.
Colo. Elisha Williams.	Mr. Eliphalet Hotchkiss.	Maj^{r} Eli Mygatt.
Colo. Isaac Lee.	Mr. James Beard.	Capt. Jabez Huntington.
Mr. John Treadwell.	Mr. Samuel Beach.	Mr. Nathl Wales jun^{r}.
Capt. Joseph Brooks.	Colo. Street Hall.	Capt. Joshua West.
Mr. Ezra Brainerd.	Mr Gideon Buckingham,	Capt. Nehemiah Lyon.
Capt. Timothy Pearl.	Mr. Lewiss Mallett jun^{r}.	Mr. David Payne.
Colo. Jabez Chapman.	Mr. Nathaniel Stone.	Mr. Constant Southworth.
Mr. Samuel Huntington.	Mr. Nathaniel Ruggles.	Mr. Edmund Freeman.
Maj^{r} Abiel Pease.	General James Wadsworth.	Capt. Samuel Craft.
Capt. Benjamin Talcott.	Mr. Elnathan Camp.	Maj^{r} Thomas Brown.
Mr. Seth King.	Maj^{r} William Hilhouse.	Capt. Simon Learned.
Maj^{r} Elias Worthington.	Mr. Benja. Huntington.	Mr. Daniel Sherman.
Mr. Peter Reynolds.	Mr. Rufus Lathrop.	Mr. John Canfield.
Capt. Jonathan Wells.	Maj^{r} Charles Phelps.	Capt. Simeon Smith.
Mr. Ebenez^{r} Plummer.	Mr. Nathl Minor.	Mr. Samuel Comstock.
Mr. Titus Hosmer.	Capt. John Shipman.	Mr. Oliver Warner.

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Colo. Comfort Sage.	Colo. William Worthington.	Capt. Aaron Austin.
Mr. Ebenezer White.	Mr. Hez^h Lane.	Colo. Seth Smith.
Capt. Henry Allen.	Mr. Thomas Mumford.	Mr. Ephraim Hubbel jun^r.
Capt. James Hooker.	Colo. Benaddam Gallop.	Capt. Justus Sackett.
Mr. Neziah Bliss.	Colo. Samuel Mott.	Colo. Epaphras Sheldon.
Mr. John Phelps.	Maj^r Samuel Tyler.	Mr. Nehemiah Andrews.
Colo. Samuel Chapman.	Maj^r Elijah Abel.	Mr. John Pierce.
Colo. Solomon Wills.	Capt. Abraham Brinsmade.	Capt. Josiah Phelps.
Mr. Samuel Bishop jun^r.	Capt. Daniel Judson.	Colo. Joshua Porter.
Mr. Pierpont Edwards.	Mr. John McKay.	Capt. Abiel Camp.

of the House of Representatives.

The Oath of Fidelity appointed by the law of this State was duly administred to George Wyllys, Esqr, Secretary of this State, and also to Ezekiel Williams, Esqr, sheriff of the county of Hartford.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Superior Court in the county of Litchfield, which now stands adjourned from the 12th day of this instant August, be and the same is hereby further adjourned to the first Tuesday of February next, to be then held at Litchfield; and that all causes and matters now depending in said superior court be accordingly adjourned with the court to be then heard and determined according to law; and that all parties concerned take notice accordingly.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Hull to be Captain of the 2d troop of horse in the 3d regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Deodate Silliman to be Lieutenant of the 2d troop of horse in the 3d regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Sherwood to be Cornet of the 2d troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Wheeler jun^r to be Quarter Master of the 2d troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Cook to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Hartford in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Loomiss to be Ensign of a company or trainband in the society of Andover in the 12th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Bull to be Lieutenant of a military company called the Governor's Guard.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Watson to be Ensign of a military company called the Governor's Guard.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hall to be Captain of the fourth company of horse in the fourth regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Stewart to be Lieutenant of the 4th company of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Bingham to be Cornet of the 4th company of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Obed Holcomb to be Ensign of a company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joel Potter to be Captain of the 3d company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Lankton to be Lieutenant of the third company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Perley Howe to be Captain of the 2d company of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asaph Wilder to be Lieutenant of the 2d company of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Tucker to be Cornet of the 2d company of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Daviss Flint to be Quarter Master of the 2d company of horse in the 4th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Avery to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Hart to be Ensign of the third company of the alarm list in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Green to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Brown to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Roger Warding to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Absalom Williams to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Warner jun^{r} to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Goodyer to be Captain of the 15th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Alling Ives to be Lieutenant of the 15th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Phelps to be Captain of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Eli Wilson to be Lieutenant of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Abernetha to be Ensign of the 4th company of the alarm list in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Bissell to be Captain of the 4th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Stoughton jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

Whereas the General Assembly held at Hartford in May last, being certifyed by William Danielson, Esqr, colonel of the 11th regiment of militia, that Asa Nichols jun^{r} was duly chosen lieutenant of the

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7th company of said regiment, did establish him as lieutenant of said company; and whereas said Colo. Danielson before this Assembly hath represented that Jonathan Nichols jun^{r} was chosen lieutenant of said company, and not Asa Nichols jun^{r}, as he before returned by mistake of the Christian name, and hath been admitted to amend his said return accordingly, as on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the act of the Assembly in May last establishing the said Asa Nichols jun^{r} to be lieutenant of said company be and the same is hereby repealed and made void; and this Assembly do establish Jonathan Nichols jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the aforesaid 7th company of the 11th regiment of militia in this State.

Whereas this Assembly at their sessions in October, 1769, granted to Abel Buell of Killingworth the sum of one hundred pounds, lawfull money, by way of loan for the term of seven years without interest, to enable him to set up the business of letter-founding, and the said Buell received said sum of the Treasurer of this State and gave his bond with surety and lodged the same with said Treasurer: And whereas the said Buell hath wholly failed to set up and practice said art and hath since become insolvent and is absconded, and Mrs. Aletta, wife of said Abel, having represented to this Assembly that she hath with the utmost difficulty procured the principal sum, and praying that the same may be received in full discharge of said bond: Resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esqr, of New Haven, be and he is hereby appointed, authorized and directed, to receive of the Treasurer the aforesaid bond and receive of said Mrs. Buell the said sum of one hundred pounds, L. money, and give up said bond, and deliver the said money to the Treasurer of this State and take his receipt therefor and lodge the same with the Secretary of this State.

Upon the memorial of Capt. Ebenezer Coe of Stratford, shewing to this Assembly that on the 25th day of April, 1777, when the enemies made an excursion to Danbury, he was ordered out with his company and in an engagement with the enemies at Ridgefield on the 27th day of the same month of April he received a wound by a ball shot from the enemy and shot out his right eye &c.; praying for some reward for his time lost and expences in his cure &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed and they are hereby directed to receive and adjust the accounts of the said Coe and allow what they shall judge just and reasonable to the memorialist for his expences of his cure; and also that the sum of sixty pounds, L. money, be paid to him out of the treasury of this State for the loss of his eye and time, and that the Committee of Pay-Table draw an order on the Treasurer therefor accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Bodwill Huse of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he inlisted in the summer of 1776 into Colo.

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William Douglas' regiment and faithfully served untill some time in the fall when he was taken sick, carried to the hospital, and there remained till the time of service expired, and by a mistake of his officer was returned as a deserter, and that there is due to him for wages and mileage the sum of £9 11 2, L. money; praying this Assembly to order him payment thereof: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to examine the accounts of said Huse and draw an order for such sum as they shall find due to him on the Treasurer of this State.

Upon the memorial of Michael Ames of New Haven and James Benham of Wallingford, shewing that they by the influence of designing men were induced to go over to Long Island, and after their arrival there were induced, partly by threats and partly by necessity, to enter into the service of the enemy, in which they continued untill hearing of a proclamation extending pardon to such persons as should leave that service and return to their allegiance to this State, upon which they determined and endeavoured to find means to return, but were detained by sickness till after the first day of August instant, the time limited in said proclamation, but about the seventh instant they effected their escape and come home with a determination to become good subjects of this State; praying this Assembly to grant them a pardon &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that a pardon be granted to the said Michael Ames and James Benham upon their taking the oath of fidelity to this State, and that thereupon they be discharged from imprisonment on their paying the cost of apprehending and confining them to the time of their discharge.

Upon the memorial of Anna Pierpoint, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, administratrix on the estate of James Pierpoint late of said New Haven, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1768, the said James Pierpoint mortgaged a piece of land containing about one hundred acres of land lying in said New Haven, to Benjamin Douglass of said New Haven, for the sum of about £350 0 0, L. money, and that said James Pierpoint afterwards at sundry times took up from said Benjamin Douglass on the credit of said mortgaged estate moneys which together with the sum for which said land was originally mortgaged amount to the sum of about £514 0 0, lawfull money, and that Douglass afterwards became seized of said mortgaged premises by a writ of seizin, and that in the month of September, 1775, said Pierpoint at that time contemplating a redemption of said land, but differing in opinion from said Douglass respecting the annual value of said land since said Douglass had been in possession thereof, agreed to submit the matter to the judgment of Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esqr, and Mr. Timothy Jones jun^{r}, but that said Douglass died before said gentlemen had determined said point, and that Elizabeth Douglass, relict of said Benjamin Douglass and administratrix on his estate, and said

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Anne have agreed to be concluded as to said point by the judgment of said Bishop and Jones; and further representing to this Assembly that said James Pierpoint hath not left estate sufficient to redeem said mortgaged premises, and that they surmount in value the sum due said Douglas' estate by some hundreds of pounds, and that said Douglas' administratrix is willing that so much of said mortgaged premises as will be sufficient to discharge the sum due on account thereof to said Douglass' estate should be sold to raise the money, and on receiving thereof is willing to quit claim said land to the heirs of the said Pierpoint; praying this Assembly to enable some meet and proper persons to sell and dispose of so much of said mortgaged premises as will discharge the incumbrance they now lie under to said Douglas's estate, after said Bishop and Jones shall have adjusted the annual value of said land, and to authorize said Elizabeth Douglas to release to the purchaser all said Douglass' right in so much of said mortgaged premises as shall be sold to raise the money due to said Douglass' estate and on payment thereof also to enable her to release all said Douglas' right in the residue of said land to the heirs of said James Pierpoint: Resolved by this Assembly, that Pierpoint Edwards, Esqr, and Anne Pierpoint aforesaid be authorized to sell so much of said mortgaged premises as will raise sufficient money to pay the sum due to said Douglas' estate on account of said mortgaged premises after said Bishop and Jones shall have adjusted the annual value of said mortgaged premises since the same have been in said Douglass' possession and to execute deeds accordingly, which shall be a bar to any claim that said Pierpoint's heirs may have in said lands; and that said Elizabeth Douglass be also authorized to execute a quit-claim deed to the purchaser or purchasers of so much of said mortgaged premises as shall be sold for the purpose of raising the sum due to said Douglass' estate on receiving said sum, and that she be authorized to execute a quit-claim deed of all the right which said Douglass' heirs have in said land to the heirs of said Pierpoint, and that said deed shall be a bar to said Douglass' heirs.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Biddle, shewing to this Assembly that he came into a contract with this State in June, 1776, to manufacture sulphur &c.; shewing that he was not nor is like to be provided with suitable apparatus for carrying on said business; praying he may be released from said contract and be allowed and paid a reasonable sum for his time and expence during the time he has attended on said business &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Biddell be and he is hereby released and discharged from said contract, and that the Treasurer pay him the sum of sixty-three pounds three shillings in full discharge for his time and expence, and he is directed to pay the same accordingly.

This Assembly do appoint Elisha Sheldon, Esqr, Colo. John Chester, Mr. Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Mr. Thomas Mumford, Maj^{r} Elijah Abel,

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Capt. Jabez Huntington and Mr. John Canfield, a committee to audit and adjust the State accounts with the Treasurer, and make report of their doings in the premises to this Assembly.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, Messrs. Elisha Pitkin, Ebenezer Plummer, John Treadwell and Colo. Elisha Williams, a committee to audit, adjust and settle, the State accounts with the Treasurer, and report make to this or the next Assembly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD AUGUST 14TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	Esq^{rs}.
Roger Sherman,	Benj. Payne,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Danl Sherman,	
Ab^{m} Davenport,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Titus Hosmer,	Benj. Huntington,	

Resolved, That Mr. David Trumbull be and he is hereby directed to procure a team and send to Bedford in Dartmouth in the Massachusetts Bay, and bring the flints from thence lately imported by Capt. Deshon for this State, and as much of the Ticklingburg duck and rigging imported at the same time as will make a load to Lebanon; and the person who has the same in his care is hereby directed to deliver such load to said Trumbull or his order.

Resolved, That Messrs. Danl Sherman and Benj. Huntington, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby desired to give bond with Capt. Danl Deshon in the sum of one thousand pounds that he, as captain and commander of the letter of marque brig called *The Old Defence,* belonging to this State, shall well and faithfully execute his office and trust aforesaid according to the orders of Congress. And the said Sherman and Huntington are to be indemnified and saved harmless by this State from all damage they may suffer on account thereof.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £120 0 0, in favour of Lt. Wm. Seymour of the artillery company at Norwalk, towards pay and wages of himself and company, and to render his account.

Order d^{d} to Lt. Seymour August 14th, 1777.

Stephen Fish of Nantuckett is permitted to exchange salt in this State for 200 barrels of flour, 200 bushels of indian corn, 200 bushels of rye, and flax as he wants, and transport the said flour, grain and flax to Nantuckett, any embargo notwithstanding.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD AUGUST 16TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Dan[l] Sherman,	Esq[rs].
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Roger Sherman,	Benj. Huntington,	
Abraham Davenport,	Nath[l] Wales jun[r],	
James Wadsworth,	Benj. Payne,	
Titus Hosmer,		

Consulted on sundry matters &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD AUGUST 18TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Dan[l] Sherman,	Esq[rs].
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Roger Sherman,	Nath[l] Wales jun[r],	
Ab[m] Davenport,	Benj. Huntington,	
Titus Hosmer,	Benj. Payne,	

Application was made by Capt. Samuel Chew for a number of men to inlist from the forts at N. London &c. on board his brig *Resistance*, and on consideration resolved that the men cannot be spared without damage to the service.

Voted, That Nathaniel Barnard of Nantucket and Gideon Delano of Dartmouth are permitted to exchange their small cargoes of salt, molasses and rum in this State for produce, and the same to transport to the State of the Massachusetts.

Voted, To direct Gen[l] Silliman to enquire into the suspected forgery of a permit from Gen[l] Jones to the sloop *Salley*, to pass from N. York to Rye to carry off some tory people and their effects from thence to N. York &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD AUGUST 20TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Dan[l] Sherman,	Esq[rs].
Roger Sherman,	Benj. Payne,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Abraham Davenport,	Nath[l] Wales jun[r],	
Titus Hosmer,	Benj. Huntington,	
James Wadsworth,		

Resolved, That Capt. Allen Stillman be and he is hereby directed to store the salt in his hands belonging to this State in a safe store, and deliver one bushel thereof to Capt. Ebenezer Grant of East Windsor, for the purpose of supporting the guard that keeps Gen[l] Prescot.

Resolved, That Capt. Samuel Squire be and he is hereby directed to attend the vendue of prize goods at Fairfield and purchase what provisions he can that may be useful for this State as he shall judge prudent.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HARTFORD AUGUST 21ST, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benj. Payne,	Esq^{rs}.
Wm. Pitkin,	William Hillhouse,	
Roger Sherman,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	
Ab^{m} Davenport,	Benj. Huntington,	
Titus Hosmer,	Danl Sherman,	
James Wadsworth,		

Resolved, That an order be given to Mr. James Church to deliver to Dr. Joshua Elderkin or order flax in his hands belonging to this State not exceeding one ton, taking receipt. *Order d^{d} to Mr. Wales August 21st, 1777.*

Resolved, That an order be given on Mr. Titus Hosmer to deliver what flax is in his care to Mr. Chauncey Whittelsey of Middletown, to be manufactured for publick use. *Order d^{d} to Mr. Hosmer August 21st, 1777.*

Resolved, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £19 3 0, in favour of Col. Nathl Terry, for his trouble and expence in bringing 36 chests of fire-arms from Springfield to Hartford. *Order d^{d} to Mr. Peter Reynolds.*

Resolved, To direct Col. Jonathan Fitch to countermand his orders given for purchasing the prize provision to be sold at vendue in Fairfield county.

Resolved, That Capt. Saml Squire be directed to go on with supplying the troops in service of this State in Fairfield county with provisions as usual, and to purchase cloathing &c.

Resolved, That the sheriff of N. London county be and he is hereby directed to make further and diligent search in his county for sugar &c., according to the warrant given him to seize the same for the publick, and to take ten hogsheads of sugar out of the whole he shall find and release to Mr. Mumford and others in proportion to what he shall find of theirs, so as to take ten hogsheads of sugar in the whole.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 22D, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,
Wm. Pitkin,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},
Abraham Davenport,	Benj. Huntington,
Roger Sherman,	James Wadsworth,
Titus Hosmer,	Benja. Payne.
Danl Sherman,	

The account of Jabez Huntington, Esqr, sheriff of Windham county, for rum and coffee impressed by him in that county by order of the Governor and Council of Safety, being £658 10 2, is allowed, and resolved that an order be drawn on the Pay Table for the same.

Order d^{d} to Capt. Huntington.

Resolved, That an order be drawn in favour of Mr. David Trumbull on the agent of the prizes of this State in the Massachusetts, to deliver to him such quantities of the wines, tea and cloathing brought in the prize taken by the ship *Oliver Cromwell* as [he] can conveniently bring up to Lebanon in his teams now going there.

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The account of Benj. Dyer is referred to the Committee of Pay-Table to be adjusted.

Resolved, To draw on Messrs. Elderkin and Wales for five hundred pounds of musquet powder, in favour of Mr. Nath[l] Shaw, for the use of the brig *Resistance*.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD 23D AUGUST, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Abraham Davenport, Daniel Sherman, Titus Hosmer, Wm. Hillhouse, Benja. Payne, } Esq[rs].

This day Mr. Jonathan Woodworth, prize-master of brigantine *Honor*, bound from Dartmouth in England to Newfoundland, taken by the *Oliver Cromwell*, Seth Harding, Esq[r], commander, on the 8th July last in Lat. 45, Long. 34, is safe arrived at Dartmouth New England, came before his Excellency and Council of Safety and reported the cargo as follows, *viz:* 2 chests tea, 15 hhd. porter, 1 case linens, 8 bbls. pitch, 5 bbls. tar, 3 cask leather and cloathing, 50 thousand weight bread and flour, 2 tons cordage, 2 pipes port wine, 120 bbls. pork, 120 bbls. beef, 180 firkins butter.

Sent a letter to Samuel Elliott jun[r], Esq[r], agent of this State, informing him of said prize brought in to Dartmouth and giving him instructions relative thereto.

Resolved, That an order be given to Ichabod Allen of Sharon, to receive 18 *c.* 3 *q.* 19 *lb.* flour at Dartmouth, part of the cargo of the said brig *Honor*, for the like quantity received of said Allen here, and now in the care of Wm. Bull of Hartford; and an order made out accordingly and delivered to said Allen.

A letter made out and forwarded to the Marine Board, respecting the continental ship of war building at Middletown in this State under the direction of Capt. John Cotton.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD AUGUST 25TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Ab[m] Deavenport, Daniel Sherman, Titus Hosmer, William Hillhouse, Benja. Payne, } Esq[rs].

Resolved, That Mr. James Bull, being appointed to make provision for the militia ordered to march and join to and assist the northern army, be directed to save the hides and tallow of such cattle as he shall purchase for the supply of said troops for the use of this State and render his account to his Excellency the Governor when required; that he take proper care that the hides be kept from spoiling and the tallow to be tryed, and that he cause the hides and tallow to be transported to Hartford by return of the teams and carriages that go on to transport the baggage of the troops to the army, unless he shall find that it will be most for the interest of the State to sell the same, in which case he is at liberty to sell the same and account for the net proceeds.

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An order drawn on Capt. Allen Stillman in favour of Mr. James Bull for ten bushells of salt belonging to this State, for the use of the militia of this State on their march to join the northern army, and to account therefor.

Sent a letter to Major General Putnam inclosing resolve of Assembly requesting a return of non-commission officers and soldiers inlisted or detached into the continental army from this State.

Resolved, That orders be given to Marshfield Parsons, Esqr, Lt. Col. of the third regiment of militia in this State, to call out the militia of the town of Lyme or such part of them from time to time as shall be judged necessary for the defence of the said town against the incursion of the enemy on the sea-coast, and to order and dispose them as shall be most effectual for that purpose, and them to dismiss from time to time as occasion may require, and to take care that proper returns may be made out and transmitted to his Excellency. *Orders accordingly were made out and sent to Col. Parsons.*

A letter sent to Col. Ely to give orders to Capt. Collins of his regiment lately ordered to Lyme with his company to return to New London &c.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD ON THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, A.DOM. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Abr^{m} Deavenport, Daniel Sherman,
Titus Hosmer, William Hillhouse, } Esq^{rs}.
Benja. Payne,

Voted, That Doct^{r} John Indicott be and he is hereby appointed Surgeon to the battalion of militia commanded by Colo. Thad^{s} Cook ordered to the northern army under the command of Genl Gates.

Voted, That nine barrels of flour in Mr. Wm. Bull's store belonging to this State be sent to Saybrook to Capt. John Cockran for the supply of the guards there; and the said William Bull is directed to take care to transport the same and take said Cockran's receipt therefor.

Voted and resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table receive, adjust, settle and give orders on the Treasurer for payment of, the several accounts that may be exhibited by persons employed by order of the Governor and Council of Safety in procuring and collecting the materials and making cartridges for the militia of this State when ordered into service.

Resolved, That further proceedings upon the warrants lately issued to the sheriffs of the counties of Hartford, New Haven and New London, to impress and take certain quantities of West India goods for the use of this State within their respective counties, be suspended untill further orders.

And it is now resolved, That his Excellency be desired to issue a warrant and order to the sheriffs of the counties of Hartford, New Haven, New London, Fairfield and Litchfield, them directing to propose to the merchants in their respective counties to furnish the quantities of West India goods hereinafter specified in a due proportion to the goods they respectively have on hand, at a reasonable price as said sheriffs and merchants can agree, or as shall be determined by the appraisement of indifferent judicious and disinterested freeholders mutually elected by said sheriffs and merchants; or in case said merchants do not furnish said goods voluntarily as aforesaid, that said sheriffs respectively impress and take said quantities of West India

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goods in their respective counties from any person or persons in whose hands or custody the same may be found, and cause the same to be appraised by two or three disinterested judicious freeholders to be mutually elected by the sheriff, the proprietor or holder of such goods, or appointed by the next Assistant or justice of the peace, and that they make speedy return of their doings that payment may be ordered to the persons who have right to receive the same accordingly.

The quantities and kinds of West India goods to be taken in the respective counties are as follows, to wit:

	Rum.	Sugar.	Molasses.	Coffee.
Hartford County,	10 hhds.	20 hhds.	40 hhd.	7000 *lb.*
New Haven County,	4 do.	10 do.	20 do.	3000
New London County,	6 do.	10 do.	20 do.	5000
Fairfield County,	4 do.	6 do.		2000
Litchfield County,	4 do.	6 do.		2000

And it is further resolved, In case the quantities aforesaid can and shall be supplied in the way and manner proposed in this resolve, that said former warrants be superceeded and recalled.

Voted and resolved, That Benjamin Payne, Esqr, be and he is hereby desired and ordered to deliver over unto Capt. Abner Prior for the use of Colo. Bradley's regiment all the shoes in his keeping that belong to this State, taking an account of the number and Capt. Prior's receipt therefor.

Voted and resolved, That the managers of Salisbury furnace be impowered and directed to exchange the pig iron they have or may have in their custody belonging to this State, so far as may be necessary, for rum, sugar, molasses, salt, provisions and other necessaries, to enable them the better to carry on the furnace and continue the blast.

Voted, That for the present thirty bushells of salt out of the salt at Hartford imported by Capt. Allen Stillman for this State, wine two hhds., molasses from Norwich, and seven barrells pork out of the pork belonging to Mr. Thos. Mumfort in the hands of the Commissary General, which said Mumfort hath agreed to lend to the State, be sent to Salisbury to the managers, to be by them accounted for, and that orders be given accordingly.

Order for the salt on Wm. Bull, and for the 2 h^{ds} molasses on Jz. Perkins, Octo^{r} 4th, 1777, d^{d} Mr. Henshaw.

At a meeting of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety held at Hartford on the 27th day of August, Anno Dom. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Abr^{m} Deavenport, Daniel Sherman,
Titus Hosmer, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esq^{rs}.
Benjamin Payne,

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to give orders to Colo. William Worthington and issue a warrant for the purpose of enabling him to reclaim a certain whale-boat belonging to this State taken by one Tryon of Wethersfield out of the custody of Richard Dickinson of Saybrook, and that said Worthington retain the other whale-boat belonging to this State, and use said boats in the service of this State agreeable to orders heretofore given.

Voted, That Doct^{r} George Olcott be and he is hereby appointed Physician

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and Surgeon to the regiment of militia ordered to the northward by the General Assembly at their session at Hartford the 13th day of August instant, commanded by Colo.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON AUGUST 28TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Abraham Davenport, Benj. Huntington, Nathll Wales junr, James Wadsworth, } Esqrs.

An order on Elijah Backus, Esqr, of Norwich, given to Joseph Lomis junr, of Lebanon for bar iron for tier for a cart: said Backus to transmit to this Board the weight of such iron.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON AUGUST 29TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, James Wadsworth, Abraham Davenport, Nathll Wales junr, Benj. Huntington, } Esqrs.

A permit was given to Ebenezer Griffin junr of Windham, to transport out of this State to the Massachusetts Bay or Providence ten head of fat cattle, ten firkins of butter and two thousand weight of cheese, in order to purchase salt and other West India goods.

Sundry matters of consequence were had in consultation and this day spent thereon.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 30TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, James Wadsworth, Abraham Davenport, Nathll Wales junr, Benj. Huntington, } Esqrs.

Whereas complaint is made to Jonathan Lattimer, Esqr, colonel of the 3d regiment, that Elisha Fox, captain of the 13th company of militia in said regiment, has conducted badly in many respects; that he is addicted to intemperance in drinking strong liquor, and that he has endeavoured to obtain a protection from Lord How, and that he is unfriendly to the American States, which complaint is laid before this Board; it is said he has also been disobedient to the command of his said colonel: Wherefore, it is resolved by this Board, that the said Fox be and he is hereby suspended from his office aforesaid untill the sitting of the General Assembly at New Haven in October next; and the next officer in said company is to have the command thereof untill that time; and the said complaint shall be laid before said Assembly for their consideration, that proper steps may be taken thereon.

A number of letters were written to the Governor of Rhode Island and the Assembly of the Massachusets Bay, giving intelligence of the good news from Fort Stanwix, as also of what the Assembly of this State have done with regard to raising militia for the northern department, &c.

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Permission given to David Luce of Martha's Vineyard, to transport by water to said Martha's Vineyard twenty barrels of rye flour and 200*lb.* flax.

Permission given to Abisha Luce of Martha Vineyard, to transport by water to said Martha's Vineyard twelve barrels of rye flour and 200*lb.* flax.

Permit d^d Septr 8th, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Abraham Davenport, Wm. Hillhouse,
James Wadsworth, Nath. Wales jun^r, } Esq^rs.
Benj. Huntington,

Consulted on some matters of importance, but the principal part of the day spent in writing letters to Congress &c., to the westward.

Genl Parsons came in and proposed the designs of Genl Putnam in an expedition to Long Island, and some consultation had on the matter. Deferred the further consideration thereof till tomorrow.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, SEPTEMBER 2^d, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Abraham Davenport, Wm. Hillhouse,
James Wadsworth, Nathl Wales jun^r, } Esq^rs.
Benj. Huntington,

A commission was given by his Excellency the Governor by advice and resolve of this Council, to Peter Griffing as a Captain of a company of rangers, to guard the sea coast and sound and islands on the coast of this State, and to make prisoners of such as he shall take in arms or carrying on war against these States.

Resolved, That this Board do approve of the form of the commission and instructions given by his Excellency the Governor to Capt. Peter Griffing of a volunteer company of rangers for the purpose of guarding the sea coast of this State and of the sound and islands on said coast, as also of the bond given by said Griffing for his faithful observing his said instructions.

Orders were sent in positive terms to Lt. Shipman, to afford the necessary assistance to Col. Worthington in his expedition, and to let him pass with boats &c. by the fort at Say Brook, without molestation.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON SEPTEMBER 4TH, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Abraham Davenport, Nath^ll Wales,
Wm. Hillhouse, James Wadsworth, } Esq^rs.
Benj. Huntington,

Voted, That Capt. George Chase of Martha's Vineyard be permitted to transport by water from this State to that island twelve barrels of flour and one hundred weight of cheese.

Orders were given to Capt. Jonathan Parker of Colonel Webb's battalion in the continental service in the words following, *viz:*

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By the Governor.

To Captain Jonathan Parker of Colonel Charles Webb's battalion of continental troops raised in this State.

You are hereby authorized and impowered to inlist into any of the battalions of the continental troops raised in this State any able-bodied recruit for the term of three years or during the war, from the two battalions raised in this State for the defence of the sea coast and frontiers under the command of Colonels Enos and Ely, accounting the six pounds [they] have received as a premium as part of the premium of ten pounds given by this State as an encouragement for filling up the continental army. And all officers belonging to said two battalions are hereby ordered and directed to afford all needed encouragement and assistance to said Capt. Parker or any other recruiting officer who is properly authorized by any general officer in the continental army to inlist recruits into the aforesaid battalions.

Given at Lebanon the 4th day of September, 1777.

JONTH TRUMBULL.

An order was given to the selectmen of Stanford on Saml Ellion junr, Esqr, agent for the State of Connecticut, for thirty bushels of salt belonging to this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esqrs.
Abraham Davenport,	Nathll Wales junr,	
Daniel Sherman,	Benj. Huntington,	
James Wadsworth,		

Voted and resolved, To draw on the Pay-Table for ninety-nine pounds, in favour of Capt. Jonathan Chester of Groton, in full satisfaction (with £15 0 0 already paid him) for the land taken from him for the use of the forts at Groton, for which he has given a deed to the Governor and Company of this State. *Order d^d to Maj. Hillhouse Septr 5th, 1777.*

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for 19*s.* in favour of Ebenezer Bushnell, for sundry short journies on publick service.

Order d^d to Col. Davenport Septr 5th, 1777.

At this critical juncture when the forces of our enemies are scattered, vigorous exertions by the Divine blessing may dislodge them from their several posts, — prevent their future designs and operations, and rescue the country from the hands of our oppressors.

Every one that loves himself, his family, his country and posterity, are called on to exert themselves and stir up others in their several capacities to accomplish this desirable end.

Whereupon it is resolved and ordered, That the two battalions raised in this State for the defence of its sea coasts, frontiers and places adjacent, be filled to the number of 728 men each, officers included.

For the encouragement of such able-bodied effective men who shall inlist themselves into either of said battalions agreeable to the tenor of the former inlistments shall have and receive a bounty of four pounds ten shillings, lawful money, and receive the same wages and subsistance that others in those battalions are intituled to: they arming, equipping and furnishing

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themselves in like manner and form, and under the same regulations that others have done that have heretofore inlisted.

The commanding officers of said battalions are hereby directed to send out proper officers to recruit and compleat the several companies to their full complement.

On the representation of James Parker, a prisoner in this State, that he was forced into the service of King George: Voted, that his Excellency the Governor give him a discharge as follows, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By the Governor.

It being represented to me that James Parker of Barnstable, who lately was taken by Major Meigs on Long Island in the service of the King of Great Britain and brought into this State where he is held as a prisoner of war in the town of Willington, was forced into said service against his will, and that he is friendly to the United States, which appears probably true, and the said Parker, being destitute of clothes and having parents in said Barnstable who are also friendly to said States, requests that he may have liberty to return to his said parents.

I do, therefore, hereby discharge said James Parker from his present confinement, and permit him to return home to said Barnstable without any molestation, he behaving as becometh. And all persons concerned are to take notice hereof accordingly.

Given under my hand in Lebanon this 5th day of September, A. D. 1777.

JONTHN TRUMBULL.

A permit was given to Barnabas Payne of Cornwall, to transport by land or water through this State seven or eight tons of wheat flour to the Massachusetts, to exchange for salt.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, 6TH OF SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Abraham Davenport, Nathll Wales junr,
Daniel Sherman, Benj. Huntington,
James Wadsworth, } Esqrs.

Voted and resolved, That an order be drawn on Capt. Wm. Hubbard for eight barrels of pork, in favour of Mr. Edward Hallam, commissary of Col. Ely's regiment. *Order drawn Septr 6th, 1777.*

Voted and resolved, That an order be drawn on Mr. Andrew Huntington, to deliver one hogshead of N. England rum to Mr. Edward Hallam, commissary to Col. Ely's regiment. *Order drawn Septr 6th*, 1777.

Resolved, That the Commissaries Fitch, Squire and Hallam, reserve for the use of this State the hides of the beeves killed for the supply of the troops, and that letters be sent them for their direction.

Copies dd to Col. Davenport.

Voted, To give an order on the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury, in favour of Lieutenant Aaron Hawley of Newfield, 50 three-pound round shot and 100*lb.* weight of grape shot. *Order dd to Col. Davenport.*

Voted, That Joel Chamberlain be permitted to transport two thousand weight of cheese to the Providence in the State of Rhode Island.

Permit dd Septr 8th, 1777, for 1500 lb. cheese.

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Voted and resolved, That Capt. Joshua Elderkin and Mr. Andrew Huntington be and they are hereby directed, each of them to send a load of cloathing to the Commissary of Supplies and Refreshments, and if they have not cloathing enough on hand they are to make up their loads with some kind of refreshments for the troops from this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Danl Sherman, Nathl Wales, } Esqrs.
James Wadsworth,

Aaron Fuller is accepted and established to be Captain, Thomas Goodell to be Lieutenant, and Samuel Butt to be Ensign of the 7th company in the alarum list in the 21st regiment of the militia, and his Excellency is desired to commissionate them accordingly.

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Daniel Sherman, } Esqrs, to attend on Council.
James Wadsworth,

A copy of the vote of the 26th of August last, touching nine barrels of flour in Wm. Bull's store to be by him sent to Capt. Cochran of Say Brook, was made out and delivered to Capt. Cochran.

An order was given Capt. Cochran on Capt. Wm. Hubbard for four barrels of pork.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON SEPTEMBER 10TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
James Wadsworth, Wm. Hillhouse,
Daniel Sherman, Nathl Wales junr, } Esqrs.
Benj. Huntington,

Sundry matters were had in consultation and the day spent thereon.

Capt. Stephen Thorp of Col. Enos's battalion came in at evening and offered to resign his commission because his company is by no means full and the command not superior [to] that of a lieutenant, which is accepted.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Danl Sherman,
James Wadsworth, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esqrs.
Benj. Huntington,

Voted and resolved, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for £56 0 0, in favour of Elisha Prior of Groton, for one acre and a quarter of land taken from him for the use of the fort in Groton.

Order d Maj. Hillhouse Sept. 11th, 1777.

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Anselm Helm, of Goshon in the State of N. York, is permitted to transport five hogsheads of sugar by water from Norwich to Fairfield, and from thence by land to Goshon: provided Pro. Wetmore, Esqr, sheriff of N. London, has not seized the same or any part thereof for the use of this State and shall indorse upon the permit that he, the said sheriff, has no demand upon said sugar. And in case he has, he has to certify what part, and the residue is to go on. *Permit d^{d} to Mr. Helm.*

Capt. Stephen Thorp is discharged from his command agreeable to his resignation of yesterday, which was accepted.

Discharge sent by Anselm Helm, Septr 11th, 1777.

Solomon Lee applied to this Board and alledgeth that he hath undertaken as a teamster for the State. When absent with his team carrying a load of powder to Farmington and when returned from thence found himself detached to go with the troop in the third regiment of horse to join the northern army, he thereupon procured a man to go in his room and agreed to give him 40*s.* per month more than his wages and thereupon proceeded in his business with his team to Providence and Dartmouth in the service of the State and continent, and returned again the 8th of instant September and finds the man he expected to go in his room, afterwards, on the offer of another from Norwich to give him 50*s.* per month, had undertaken to go for him, and thereby his place is vacant and all are gone; praying for these reasons to be excused from going after the troop: Thereupon granted, that he, the said Lee, be excused from going on his tour of duty.

Copy d^{d} to Mr. Lee, Septr 11th, 1777.

Nathl Bingham is appointed to be Second Lieutenant in Capt. Ebenezer Moseley's company in Col. Ely's regiment in the service of this State.

Saml Felch of Canterbury is appointed Issuing Commissary of Supplies and Refreshments to Col. Durkee's battalion in continental service, instead of John Felch, Esqr, resigned.

Septr 11th, 1777, a warrant sent by John Felch, Esqr.

A permit was given to Capt. William Punchard of New Haven, to ship five barrels of wheat flour, twenty-five barrels of rye flour, ten barrels of beef, one hundred and fifty bushels of rye and indian corn, four hundred weight of cheese, and three hund. pounds of flax, on board his boat and the same transport to the Massachusetts Bay, to be exchanged for salt for the use of inhabitants of this State. *Permit d^{d} to Col. Thomson, Septr. 11th, 1777.*

The following orders were given to Col. Abbott, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Captain General.

To Samuel Abbott, Esqr, Colonel of the 20th regiment of militia within this State:

Whereas Ensign John Smith of Capt. Ebenezer Lathrop's company in Col. Jonathan Lattimer's regiment of the militia, now draughted to join the army in the northern department, has represented that sundry persons belonging to your regiment have been draughted to join said Lathrop's company and refuse to march agreeable to orders given: You are hereby directed to convene such persons, examine the reasons of such their refusal, and with the advice of your lieutenant colonel and major excuse such from service as have been properly draughted whose reasons you shall judge sufficient; and that you assist said ensign with sufficient guards to carry on to

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camp such persons whose reasons alledged may appear not to be sufficient to excuse them, in case such guard may be necessary.

Capt. Christopher Mordenbrugh came in and moved for a flag of truce to carry his family and household goods &c. to St. Kitts, on which he was encouraged that his request should be granted.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, LEBANON, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Nath[ll] Wales jun[r],	Esq[rs].
James Wadsworth,	Benj. Huntington,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	Dan[l] Sherman,	

On application of Capt. Jabez Perkins, agent for the officers and crew of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, for the captor's part of the chest of the bohea tea taken in a prize by said ship and sent in to Dartmouth, which chest is now in store at Lebanon: Resolved, that one third part of the tea in said chest shall be delivered to said agent for the use of the captors as part of their share in said prize.

Resolved, That each town in this State be and they are hereby requested as soon as may be, to convene together and make provision, in such manner as shall appear best, to procure immediately one shirt, or more if they see fit, either linen or flannel, one hunting-shirt or frock, one pair of woolen overalls, one or two pair of stockings, and one pair of shoes, for each non-commission officer and soldier in the continental army belonging to such town; deliver the same to Messrs. Elijah Hubbard and Royal Flint, superintending commissaries for this State, to be by him or them conveyed to the respective issuing commissaries of the battalions of the continent raised in this State, to be by them delivered to the non-commission'd officers and soldiers at the following rates, *viz:* Shoes at eight shillings and six pence per pair, stockings at six shillings per pair; shirts, hunting frocks and overalls, according to the quality in proportion to good yard wide tow cloth at two shillings and nine pence per yard and good yard wide check or striped flannels at three shillings and six pence per yard.

That the issuing commissaries pay into the treasury of this State all such sums as they may receive on the sale of such cloathing, and that the selectmen of each town transmit to the General Assembly to be held at New Haven in October next an account of such articles of cloathing as they shall have delivered to the commissary or commissaries, (that is) to said Hubbard and Flint, and shall be paid for the same at such prices as the General Assembly shall ascertain.

The towns to see the same properly packed up and marked with an invoice of the same put into the package. The said Hubbard takes in articles at Middle Town, and the said Flint at Peekskill. Such town as can, to send to Middle Town, where the same will be received and forwarded, and the other towns may carry or direct so as the same may most conveniently be carried to the Connecticut battalions by the said commissaries in carriages belonging to this State. Such persons who are desirous to send to their own friends may put up such articles as they see fit, mark and direct the same, and put into the general package, and the same shall be delivered to

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whom directed, and his receipt taken ; and payment shall in like manner be made therefor.

Maj^{r} Gen. Jabez Huntington exhibited his account of sundry sums by him advanced and services done for this State, to the amount of £103 18 9, which is allowed, as per account transmitted to the Pay-Table.

Voted and resolved, To draw on Pay-Table for the sum abovesaid, in favour of said Genl Huntington.

Order d^{d} to Genl Huntington Septr 12th, 1777.

Benj. Huntington, Esqr, exhibited his bill of sundry sums advanced by him and his trouble in settling Capt. Wm. Coit's account, to the amount of £23 14 6 in the whole, which is allowed, as per his account now transmitted to the Committee of Pay-Table.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for said sum of £23 14 6, in favour of said Huntington.

Maj. Wm. Hillhouse produced a receipt which he has received of John Lawrence, Esqr, Treasurer, in the words following, *viz:*

Rec^{d} of the Govr and Council of Safety per the hands of Maj^{r} William Hillhouse thirteen pounds ten shillings and six pence, being the avails of an horse and saddle sold belonging to one John Sheppard, a transient inimical person. I say, rec^{d} at Hartford, this 19th August, 1777, and have signed duplicate receipts. £13 10 6. ℔ JOHN LAWRENCE TREAS^{R}.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON, SEPTEMBER 18TH, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Benjn Paine; Roger Sherman, James Wadsworth, Titus Hosmer, } Esq^{rs}.

Orders sent to Capt. John Deshon to send one half of the quantity of salt arrived in the sloop *Catharine* at N. London to Mr. Andrew Huntington at Norwich, and to store the other half in some good and safe place in New London : the whole supposed to be about 900 bushels ; also to discharge the sloop.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON, SEPTEMBER 19TH, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse, Roger Sherman, Nath^{ll} Wales, Wm. Pitkin, Benjn Payne, Titus Hosmer, Jas. Wadsworth, } Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That 213 gallons of rhum belonging to Martin Fosborough, 55½ gallons of rhum belonging to Josiah Grant jun^{r}, and 108 gallons of rhum belonging to Thomas Sheldon, which were seized by Lynde Lord, sheriff of Litchfield county, by virtue of a warrant from his Excellency the Governor dated the 25th day of Aug^{t}, 1777, for the use of this State, be released, and the owners thereof are permitted to receive the same.

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Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table for £100, in favour of Lynde Lord, Esq, toward the expence of the guard over Govr Franklin ; to be in account.

Order d^d Lynde Lord Esqr, Septr 19th, 1777.

On the representation of Mary Vose, resident in Colchester, wife of Henry Vose of Nova Scotia, now a soldier in one of the continental battalions from the State of Rhode Island, that she is destitute of the means of subsistence, having with her three sons born at one birth aged about nine months, *viz:* John Hancock, George Washington and Charles Lee, — a letter was sent to the selectmen of Colchester to provide for her subsistence what may be necessary more than her earnings and what her husband may supply her with, and lay their account before his Excellency the Governor and his Council.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^rs.
Wm. Pitkin,	Benjn Payne,	
Roger Sherman,	Nath^ll Wales,	
Titus Hosmer,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That Mrs. Ketchum and family and household furniture be permitted to be exchanged for Mrs. Rictchie, wife of Mr. Wm. Rictchie of the State of New York, and his family, who are at Cow Neck on Long Island, and household furniture, and that Genl Silliman send a flag of truce for that purpose at the expence of Mrs. Ketchum and Mrs. Rictchie.

A permit given to Mr. Peletiah Webster to transport from this State 5000 *lb.* sugar to Pensilvania. *Per^t d^d Genl Huntington Septr 20th. 1777.*

Voted, That Wm. Rictchie of the State of New York be permitted to transport out of this State by land or water thirteen hogsheads of rhum.

Permit d^d Mr. Rictchie Septr. 20th, 1777.

Jabez Huntington, Esqr, sheriff, and Nath^ll Hebbard, goaler of Windham county, exhibited their account of charges for the guard kept at the goal. The keeping the guard is approved, and the accounts referred to the Committee of Pay-Table for settlement.

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull be desired to pay to Jabez Huntington, Esqr, £658 10 2 out of the continental monies in his hands and receive of him an order drawn by the Committee of Pay-Table on the 23^d of Aug^t, 1777, on the Treasurer of this State for that sum properly endorsed over by said Huntington.

Voted, That the sum of £9 17 7 be paid by Jabez Huntington, Esqr, to Mr. Thomas Lee and others of Pomfret, being the interest of a sum due to them from this State for a quantity of rhum and coffee taken from them by a warrant for the use of the army, taking their receipts therefor. And that the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer in favour of said Huntington for said sum. *Copy d^d Capt. Huntington Septr 20th, 1777.*

Voted, That Genl Silliman be directed to procure an exchange of Buchanan, Chadague and one citizen to be furnished by the committee of

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prisoners being prisoners in this State, for Sam^{ll} Parsons, Hudson English and David Lyon, taken off by the enemy at Cumpo.

Voted, That an order be given to Messrs. Henshaw and Whiting to receive of Mr. David Trumbull at his store in Bolton eight barrels of pork to be replaced, and also to receive of Mr. Elijah Hubbard of Middletown one hogshead of New England rhum, for the use of the furnace at Salisbury.

Order d^{d} Mr. Henshaw Septr 20th, 1777.

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull be desired to send an ox team to Boston to bring from thence a hogshead of shoes and such other articles as may be ordered.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety holden in Lebanon, September 22^{D}, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
Roger Sherman,	Nath^{ll} Wales,	
Titus Hosmer,	James Wadsworth,	

Voted, That the brig *Defence* belonging to this State, now in the port of Boston, be rigged into a ship.

Voted and resolved, That Sam^{ll} Eliott jun^{r} of Boston, Esquire, agent for this State, be desired and directed to provide sufficient spars, rigging and duck for rigging the brig *Defence* belonging to this State now in the port of Boston into a ship.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety holden at Lebanon, September 23d, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Nath^{ll} Wales,	Esq^{rs}.
Titus Hosmer,	James Wadsworth,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	Benj. Payne,	

Whereas the General Assembly held at Hartford on the 13th day of August last did resolve that a regiment should be raised by voluntary inlistment to be subject to the orders of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety and to serve in the northern department or elsewhere in this or the neighbouring States, and did appoint Sam^{ll} McClellan, Esqr, to be colonel, Noah Phelps, Esqr, to be lieutenant colonel. and Bazaleel Beebe, Esqr, to be major of the same, and did further resolve that his Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Council of Safety should have power to give all necessary orders for raising the same if it should be necessary in the recess of the General Assembly: Voted and resolved, that one battalion be raised to serve in the State of Rhode Island or parts adjacent, to consist of nine companies of ninety men each, officers included, to be commanded by Sam^{ll} McClellan, Esqr, colonel, Noah Phelps, Esqr, lieutenant colonel, and Bezaleel Beebe, Esqr, major, to continue in service thirty-one days from the time they shall arrive at the place of the general rendezvous, unless sooner dismissed. The officers and soldiers to receive the same pay, subsistance and refreshments, that are allowed to the continental troops raised in this

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State. That the non-commission officers and soldiers be payed a bounty of 48*s*. they providing themselves blankets and knapsacks, also a further bounty of 4*s*. to such as provide themselves with cartridge boxes and bayonet belts.

A permit given to Benjn Walworth, of Goshen in the State of New York, to transport from Hartford to said Goshen thirty-six bushells of salt, which he purchased at Martha's Vineyard. *D^d^ Sept. 23^d^, 1777.*

Order drawn on Messrs. Wales and Elderkin for 300 *lb.* of powder to be delivered to the selectmen of New London to supply the town stock: they to be accountable. *Order d^d^ Maj^r^. Hillhouse Septr 23^d^, 1777.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON, SEPTEMBER 24TH, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benjn Payne,	Esq^rs^.
Titus Hosmer,	Nath^ll^ Wales,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	James Wadsworth,	

Elizur Burnham, of Pitsfield in the State of the Massachusets Bay, permitted to transport from Norwich to said Pitsfield one hogshead of West India rhum. *Permit d^d^ s^d^ Burnham Septr 24th, 1777.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on Capt. Russell Woodbridge to deliver to Maj^r^ Sam^ll^ Nicholas from Philadelphia ten chests of the continental arms in said Woodbridge's custody lately brought from Springfield, taking his receipt for the same. *Order d^d^ to Maj^r^ Nicholas Septr 24th, 1777.*

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull be desired to send forward, for the supply of the militia from this State in the army in the northern department, 5 hogsheads of N. England rhum and such a quantity of sugar as to compleat a load for three ox teams, to be delivered to Colonels Cook and Lattimer.

Lt. Colo. Return Jonathan Meigs is appointed Colonel of a battalion of the continental troops raised in this State, in the room of Colo. Wm. Douglass deceased. *Certificate d^d^ Maj^r^. Holdridge.*

Whereas the General Assembly have resolved that a recruiting officer to enlist recruits for the continental army and to take up and secure deserters according to the resolutions of the Continental Congress be appointed in each of the brigades of militia in this State, and that his Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Council of Safety appoint such officers accordingly and affix the place of rendezvous for such recruits in each brigade: Voted and resolved, that Maj^r^ James Lockwood be appointed a recruiting officer in the limits of the 1st, Capt. Miles Johnson in the 2^d^, Capt. Jeremiah Halsey in the 3^d^, Maj^r^ Elijah Abel in the 4th, Maj^r^ John Ripley in the 5th, and Maj^r^ Bazaleel Beebe in the 6th brigade of militia in this State; and that the town of Weathersfield in the 1st brigade, Wallingford in the 2^d^, Preston in the 3^d^, Fairfield in the 4th, Windham in the 5th, and Litchfield in the 6th be appointed the place of rendezvous in the respective brigades.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON, SEPTEMBER 25TH, A.D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Titus Hosmer, Nath[ll] Wales, Wm. Hillhouse, Benj[n] Payne, James Wadsworth, } Esq[rs].

Voted and resolved, That Colo. John Ely be and he is hereby impowered to raise a company of one captain, two lieutenants, and fifty non-commission officers and privates, to serve as waterman and by land in the expedition against Rhode Island; and that they shall have the same pay, subsistance and refreshments as are allowed to the continental troops raised in this State, and also 48*s.* bounty, they providing themselves blankets and knapsacks, to the non-commission officers and soldiers; also 4*s.* for a gun and bayonet, and 4*s.* to such as provide themselves with cartridge boxes and bayonet belts. *Copy d[d] Colo. Ely Sept[r] 25th, 1777.*

Voted, That a lieutenant and twenty-four privates with other suitable officers be detached from the matross companys at New London and Groton, to proceed with the field-pieces of wrought iron at Norwich and suitable horses and harness from New London to the State of Rhode Island and to assist in a descent upon the island of Rhode Island under the command of Colo. John Ely, and that Colo. Ely order such detachment to be made accordingly. *Copy d[d] Colo. Ely Sept[r] 25th, 1777.*

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer to pay to Colo. John Ely on account the sum of one thousand pounds for the use of the regiment under his command, and to charge the same to him accordingly. *Order d[d] Colo. Ely Sept[r] 25th, 1777.*

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to order the prisoners taken by Capt. Seth Harding in the ship *Oliver Cromwell* in the service of this State, in the prize ship *Weymouth* and in the prize brigantine the *Honor*, to be sent under proper guard to this State, to be kept and disposed of for the redemption of the subjects of this State in the hands of the enemy.

Voted, That this Board do approve of the conduct of Capt. Seth Harding, in discharging part of the crew of the ship *Oliver Cromwell.*

It is further voted, That his Excellency be desired to order Capt. Harding to discharge as many of the mariners and marines belonging to said ship as can be conveniently spared, retaining only so many as are necessary to refit said ship and prepare her for another cruise.

Voted, That his Excellency be desired to give orders that the ship *Oliver Cromwell* be refitted, graved and prepared for the sea with all convenient dispatch.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer to pay to Colo. Samuel McClellan, on account, eight hundred and ten pounds, to be by him delivered to the respective captains in the regiment now ordered to be raised to be under his command, to be by them paid to the non-commission officers and soldiers who shall inlist, at twenty shillings each in advance.

Seth Grosnever is appointed to be Captain, Elisha Downer to be First Lieutenant, Isaac Hide to be Second Lieutenant, and Robert Sessions to be Ensign of a company in a battalion now ordered to be raised to be under the command of Sam[ll] McClellan, Esq[r], colonel.

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Ebenezer Witter jun^{r} is appointed to be Captain, Alpheus Chapman to be First Lieutenant, Moses Porter to be Second Lieutenant, and Jonas Morgan to be Ensign, of a company in a battalion now ordered to be raised, to be under the command of Sam^{ll} McClellan, Esqr, colonel.

William Lyon is appointed to be Captain, Jacob Dresser to be First Lieutenant, Isachur Bates to be Second Lieutenant and to be Ensign, of a company in a battalion now ordered to be raised, to be under the command of Sam^{ll} McClellan, Esqr, colonel.

Abner Robinson is appointed to be Captain, Samuel Campbell to be First Lieutenant, Joseph Coy to be Second Lieutenant, and Abijah Fuller to be Ensign, of a company in a battalion now ordered to be raised, to be under the command of Sam^{ll} McClellan, Esqr, colonel.

Aaron Austin is appointed to be Captain, James Clark to be First Lieutenant, Titus Bunnel to be Second Lieutenant, and to be Ensign, of a company in a battalion now ordered to be raised, to be under the command of Sam^{ll} McClellan, Esqr, colonel.

Isaac Gallup is appointed to be Captain, Reuben Hewit to be First Lieutenant, Lebbeus Chapman to be Second Lieutenant, and George Gallup to be Ensign, of a company in a battalion now ordered to be raised, to be under the command of Sam^{ll} McClellan, Esqr, colonel.

John Vaughan is appointed to be Captain, John Tennant to be First Lieutenant, Darius Waterman to be Second Lieutenant, and Abraham Bliss to be Ensign, of a company in a battalion now ordered to be raised, to be under the command of Sam^{ll} McClellan, Esqr, colonel.

Israel Converse is appointed to be Captain, Oliver Hubbard to be First Lieutenant, Timo. Wadsworth to be Second Lieutenant, and John Lathrop to be Ensign, of a company in a battalion now ordered to be raised, to be under the command of Sam^{ll} McClellan, Esqr, colonel.

Amasa Mills is appointed to be Captain, Ab^{m} Wright to be First Lieutenant, Benj^{a} Holcomb to be Second Lieutenant, and George Wolcott to be Ensign, of a company in a battalion now ordered to be raised, to be under the command of Sam^{ll} McClellan, Esqr, colonel.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON, THE 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Titus Hosmer, Benjn Payne,
Wm. Hillhouse, Nath^{ll} Wales, } Esq^{rs}.
James Wadsworth,

A permit given to Dennis Sweeny with two others to pass thro' this State with eight hhds. sugar on their way to Philadelphia from Boston.

Jonathan Nichols of Mansfield permitted to transport by land to Boston 800*lb.* rye flour, 600*lb.* wheat flour, 400*lb.* cheese, and 200*lb.* of butter, to be exchanged for iron and steel. *Permit d^{d} to Mr. Brigham Septr 26th, 1777.*

A permit given to Stephen Brigham of Mansfield to transport to Boston, to exchange for salt, one tun of wheat flour, one tun of rye flour, 1400*lb.* of cheese, and 600*lb.* of butter. *Permit d^{d} to said Brigham Septr 26th, 1777.*

A permit given Nath^{ll} Williams and Stephen Brigham to drive to Boston forty fat cattle, also a permit to drive to Boston two hundred and fifty fat sheep. *Permit d^{d} to said Brigham Septr 26th, 1777.*

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Voted, That Maj^r General Huntington be desired to cause to be made up 15 thousand musquet cartriges fitted to the new French arms provided for the use of the continental army and pack them up in bunches of 18 cartridges each, and the same transport to and lodge in some safe place in the town of Plainfield.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to order that the small arms received from Springfield and now in Lebanon be examined, cleansed, repaired, branded, and fitted for immediate use.

Upon the application of the selectmen of Milford, shewing that the company at the post of Milford is destitute of a commission officer and that there is want of more men: Voted, that Capt. Benjamin Hine be and he is appointed to take the command at the fort at Milford in the rank and pay of a lieutenant, and is to enlist six men in addition to the number now on duty there, and to continue in service until the first day of January next; and he is to keep up necessary guards and to employ the men in the fortification as constant as may be.

Mr. Nehemiah Brainerd is accepted and established to be Captain, William Smith to be Lieutenant, and Nathan Tyler to be Ensign, of the third alarum list company in the 7th regiment of militia.

Christopher Brown is established to be Captain and Joshua Whitford to be Ensign of the sixth military company in Stonington in the 8th regiment of militia.

Voted, That an order be drawn on Messrs. Elderkin and Wales to deliver to Capt. Daniel Tyler of Pomfret twenty-five pounds weight of cannon-powder to prove the field pieces at Pomfret.

Order d^d Uriah Holt Septr 26th, 1777.

Brigadier General John Douglass is appointed to take the command of the troops raised and ordered to go on an expedition to Rhode Island.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON, SEPTEMBER 27TH, A. D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Benj^a Payne,
Titus Hosmer, Nath^ll Wales, } Esq^rs.
Wm. Hillhouse, James Wadsworth,

Permit granted to Andrew Craigg of Voluntown to transport by land to Bedford in the State of the Massachusets Bay one tun of cheese and 500*lb.* of butter, to be exchanged for salt.

Permit d^d to said Craigg Septr 27th, 1777.

Voted, That Mr. Benj^a Hinshaw have liberty to purchase of the managers of Salisbury furnace six swivel guns for his own use.

A permit given to Mr. Benj^a Henshaw to transport from this State to the West Indies forty barrels of flour in the schooner *Elizabeth.*

Permit d^d his son Septr 27th, 1777.

Voted, That Mr. Elijah Hubbard deliver to Mr. Benj^a Hinshaw one hhd. of New England rhum, for the use of the furnace at Salisbury.

Order d^d Mr. Hinshaw's son Septr 27th, 1777.

Permit granted to Thomas Lewis of Norwich to transport by land to Providence seventy bushels of oats, to be exchanged for salt.

Permit d^d to s^d Lewis Sept 27th, 1777.

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Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to give orders to Brig^{r} Genl Tyler to detach from the brigade under his command 1 lieutenant colonel, 3 captains, 4 lieutenants, 3 ensigns, and 330 men, including non-commission officers, to serve until the 15th day of Novr next, unless sooner dismissed, and direct the lieutenant colonel, 2 captains, 2 lieutenants and 2 ensigns, with 200 men, including a proper proportion of non-commission officers, to take post in and about Fort Trumbull at New London. — One captain, 1 lieutenant and 1 ensign, with 100 men, including non-commission officers as above, to take post at the fort at Groton; and 1 lieutenant with 30 men, including non-commission officers as above, to take post at Stonington; also direct the commanding officer to carry on the works of the fortifications at New London and Groton in the best manner he can.

Voted, That Eben^{r} Ledyard, Esqr, be appointed to provide eight ox-teams to transport from Groton the baggage of Colo. Ely's regiment to such part of the State of Rhode Island as he shall direct; and that he procure and deliver to said regiment continental provisions for eight days. If he can't otherwise provide, they may be had of Mr. Andrew Huntington of Norwich.

Voted, That Mr. Andrew Huntington deliver Eben^{r} Ledyard, Esqr, or order such quantity of continental provisions as he may call for the supply of Colo. Ely's regiment going into the State of Rhode Island.

Voted, That Mr. Andrew Huntington be desired to distill 20 hhds. of the molasses in the custody of Capt. Jabez Perkins, belonging to the State, into New England rhum, and said Perkins is directed to deliver the molasses accordingly.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety holden in Lebanon the 29th of September, A. D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Nath^{ll} Wales,
Benjn Payne, James Wadsworth,
Wm. Hillhouse.

Voted and resolved, That Messrs. Nath^{ll} Backus, Jonathan Lester and Joshua Normon of Norwich, with the consent of Capt. Robert Niles, commander of the armed schooner the *Spy*, belonging to this State, be appointed to apprize the sloop called the *Dolphin* and appurtenances, lately taken by said Capt. Niles on a cruise on board said schooner against the enemies of the United American States.

Consented to the above appointment.
℔ Rob^{r} Niles.

Maj^{r} John Ripley is appointed Major of Brigade to the brigade under the command of Brig^{r} Genl Douglass in the intended expedition to Rhode Island.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety holden in Lebanon September 30th, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Benjn Payne,
Wm. Hillhouse, Nath^{ll} Wales, } Esq^{rs}.
James Wadsworth,

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A permit given Capt. Wm. Coit to transport by land to the State of Massachusets Bay 25 barrels of flour and 8 or 10 fat oxen.

Permit d^d Septr 30th, 1777.

Voted, That Capt. Robert Niles's account for wages of the officers and crew of the armed schooner *Spy*, provisions, repairs &c., be referred to the Committee of Pay-Table to be examined, adjusted, and orders given for payment of the ballance. The former accounts are forwarded by him, and 'tis to be noted that Capt. Niles received from Mr. Sherman 750 dollars, which he received out of 1000 dollars granted by Congress and delivered to Mr. Sherman and by him to be accounted for. In the former settlement made the 31st of January, 1777, it is to be noted that the last ballance was paid by an order on Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, sheriff in the county of New London, and also at some time another order on said Wetmore for £100. This is to be inquired to see whether Capt. Niles hath accounted for it, and these two sums are to be carried to Mr. Wetmore's credit.

Voted and resolved, That the following orders be sent to John Shipman, Esqr, lieutenant at the port at Say Brook, *viz:*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By the Governor.

To John Shipman, Esqr, Lieut. at the Fort at Say Brook:

I do, by and with the advice of the Council of Safety, order and direct you immediately to raise by voluntary inlistment twenty able-bodied effective men, to serve as a guard at the fort at Say Brook until the thirtyeth day of November next, unless sooner discharged ; who shall be entitled to the same wages and allowance as the continental troops are. And in case they shall not be raised by inlistment, you will advise me thereof that further orders may be had.

Order sent to Colo. Ely to be forwarded to Lt. Shipman Septr 30th, 1777.

Mr. Eliot is appointed Surgeon's Mate in the battalion commanded by John Ely, Esquire, colonel.

Voted, That the orders issued by Brig^r Genl Silliman for the marching of one quarter part of the 4th and 9th regiments of militia to rendezvous at Horseneck under the command of Colo. John Mead and Maj^r Abel, for the defence of the adjacent parts, is approved of.

Permit given to the selectmen of Norfolk to transport to Boston 2000*lb.* of flour to be exchanged for salt. *Permit d^d Jos^h Pickit Septr 30th*, 1777.

Voted and resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to issue orders to Brig^r Genl Erastus Wolcott forthwith to draft from the first brigade in this State three hundred able-bodied effective men, including proper officers, and cause them to be well equipt with good arms &c. Also to issue orders to Brigadier Genl Andrew Ward forthwith to draft three hundred able-bodied effective men, including proper officers, from the second brigade in this State, and cause them to be equiped with arms &c. And that said brigadier generals be directed to form them into one battalion and give orders for them to march with all convenient speed to Peekskill, to act in conjunction with the continental troops under the command of Maj^r Genl Putnam for the defence of this and the other United States of America, and to be held in said service two months from and after

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their arrival at said Peekskill, unless sooner discharged. And that Brig^{r} Genl Wolcott be directed to give orders to one colonel and one major in his brigade to march with and take the command in said battalion, and that Brig^{r} Genl Ward give order to one lieutenant colonel of his brigade to march with and take the command as lieutenant colonel of said battalion.

Voted, That Benjn Huntington, Esq., be and he is hereby appointed to revise the journals of this Board and collect into accompts all the articles proper therefor, and that as soon as may be; and that he provide himself needfull assistance.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Lebanon October 3^{D}, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Wm. Pitkin, Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r}, } Esq^{rs}.
Benj. Huntington,

Serjeant Elihu Avery is appointed to be Lieutenant Fire-Worker in Major William Ledyard's company of matrosses in the service of this State, instead of Lieut. Latham deceas'd.

Voted, That Mr. Andrew Huntington be directed to deliver one hhd. of N. England rum to Wm. Ledyard, Esqr, commissary at Groton, and one hhd. N. England rum to Edward Hallam at N. London, for the troops there.

Resolved, That orders be given to Brig^{r} Genl Douglass to march on Monday next to Providence and there put himself under command of Maj-Genl Spencer. *Orders given Octo^{r} 4th*, 1777.

Resolved, That Col. Ely be directed to march on Monday next to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation by the route directed by Genl Spencer and put himself with his regiment under the command of Maj. Genl Spencer. *Orders given Octo^{r} 4th*, 1777.

Resolved, That the service of those who inlist into Col. McLallen's battalion shall be considered to them as a tour of duty.

Resolved, That a company of artillery men or matrosses, to the number of thirty-four including officers, be raised within the twentieth regiment of militia in this State, the non-commission'd officers and privates to be raised by voluntary inlistment, to exercise the field-pieces mounted on carriages in Norwich and to manage them in case of any invasion or attack from the enemy, to be subject to the orders and command of the Capt. General and other their superior officers and to the field officers of said regiment, and excused from any other military duty during their continuance in said company: the captain and captain-lieutenant to be appointed by this Board, and the other necessary commissioned and non-commissioned officers and all future vacancies to be supplied by the choice of said company.

And it is further resolved, That Jacob DeWitt be and he is hereby appointed to be Captain and Isaac Abel to be Captain Lieutenant of said company; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to grant the necessary commissions and orders accordingly.

Voted, To give order on John Lawrence, Esqr, Treasurer, for five hundred pounds of powder, in favour of the managers of the furnace, for the proof of cannon. *Order d^{d} to Mr. Henshaw Octr 4th*, 1777.

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Voted, To give order on Mr. David Trumbull to deliver five barrells of pork and two barrells of beef to Mr. Benj. Henshaw for so many delivered to the overseers of the furnace by him.

Order d^d to Mr. Henshaw Octo^r 4th, 1777.

Resolved, To deliver to Mr. Nathl Wales jun^r 32½ *lb.* ten-penny nails, to be accounted for at a reasonable price, and Mr. David Trumbull is directed to deliver the same accordingly.

Orders were given to Brigadier Generals Erastus Woolcott, Andrew Ward and G. Selleck Silliman, Esq^rs, to forward the detachments ordered from their brigades to Peekskill under command of Genl Silliman with all possible dispatch without regard to fines. Similar directions were given to the colonel commandant of Brig^r Genl Oliver Woolcott's brigade. These orders were occasioned by an application from Genl Putnam by Col. Root, who represents the preparations and disposition of the enemy at N. York to be such as threaten an attack to be made upon them at Peekskill soon.

Orders to Col. McLailen were given as on file.

OCTOBER 4TH, 1777.

His Excellency the Governor,
Jabez Huntington,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Benj. Huntington,
} Attended to do business in Council.

Orders were given by the Governor to Genl Douglass and Colonel McLallen respecting their march to Genl Spencer's headquarters.

MEMO. Benj. Huntington, being applied to by the sheriff and goal keeper, John Barney jun^r, for flour to support the publick prisoners in goal and those taken by Capt. Harding, alledging that they cannot possibly obtain it from the farmers and that the prisoners in goal have already suffered with hunger for want of bread, presumed to give an order to Mr. Elijah Lathrop to deliver to the said Barney two barrells of the publick flour in his hands as lent, to be replaced in a short time.

The order dated Octo^r 21st, 1777.

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AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HOLDEN AT NEW HAVEN ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF OCTOBER, BEING THE NINTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, ANNO DOMINI 1777.

Present:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*
The Honble Matthew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Roger Sherman, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Oliver Wolcott, Esqr,
Samuel Huntington, Esqr, } *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz.:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benjamin Payne, for Hartford.
Gen. Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor.
Colo. John Chester, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Benja. Talcott, for Bolton.
Capt. Amasa Mills, for Symsbury.
Mr. Elijah Kellogg, for Hebron.
Mr. Titus Hosmer, for Midletown.
Mr. John Farley, Mr. Abiel Holt, for Willington.
Colo. Isaac Lee, for Farmington.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Mr. Ebenezer Gay, for Stafford.
Colo. Samuel Chapman, Mr. Ichabod Griggs, for Tolland.
Maj^{r} Elias Worthington, for Colchester.
Capt. Edward Griswold, for Windsor.
Mr. Ezra Brainard, for Haddam.
Colo. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Colo. Nathl Terry, Mr. Peter Reynolds, for Enfield.
Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Mr. Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, for New Haven.
Mr. Samuel Barker, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. Eliphalet Hotchkiss, Capt. Thomas Clark, for Derby.
Mr. Elnathan Camp, for Durham.
Capt. Isaac Miles, for Milford.
Mr. John Burgess, for Guilford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brunson, for Waterbury.
Maj^{r} William Hilhouse, Mr. Winthrop Saltonstall, for New London.
Capt. Elijah Backus, Capt. Elisha Lathrop, for Norwich.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Mr. Daniel Redfield, for Killingworth.

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Capt. Samuel Shipman, Mr. William Lynde, for Saybrook.
Capt. Jeremiah Halsey, Mr. David Adams, for Preston.
Maj^{r} Charles Phelps, Mr. Paul Wheeler, for Stonington.
Mr. John Lay 2^{d}, Capt. Samuel Ely, for Lyme.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Colo. Nathan Gallop, for Groton.
Capt. Caleb Baldwin, Mr. Henry Peck, for Newtown.
Mr. John McKay, for Greenwich.
Mr. Sam^{ll} Cook Syllyman, for Norwalk.
Mr. Sam^{ll} Hungerford, Mr. Alex^{r} Stewart, for New Fairfield.
Mr. Nathaniel Wales jun^{r}, for Windham.
Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Mr. Hezekiah Green, Mr. Benja. Leavins, for Killingley.
Colo. Jeremiah Mason, Mr. Beriah Southworth, for Lebanon.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edmund Freeman, for Mansfield.
Capt. Nehemiah Lyon, for Woodstock.
Capt. Jedidiah Fay, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Capt. John Weld, for Pomfrett.
Capt. Ebenez^{r} Kingsbury, Capt. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.
Capt. James Bradford, Mr. Joseph Shepard, for Plainfield.
Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Mr. James Pardy, Mr. Joseph Lord, for Sharon.
Maj^{r} Jethro Hatch, for Kent.
Colo. Ebenez^{r} Norton, Capt. Asaph Hall, Goshen.
Capt. Samuel Forbs, for Canaan.
Capt. Abiel Camp, for Salisbury.
Capt. John Willson, for Harwington.
Mr. Abner Marshall, for Torrington.
Mr. William Walter, for Norfolk.
Mr. Judah Kellogg, for Cornwall.
Mr. Samuel Comstock, for New Milford.
Mr. John Jenkins, Mr. Isaac Tripp, for Westmoreland.

Titus Hosmer, Esqr, Speaker, } of the House of Representatives.
Benjamin Payne, Esqr, Clerk, }

Resolved by this Assembly, That the sessions of this Assembly be adjourned from New Haven to Hartford, to meet there on Saturday the 11th instant at nine of the clock in the morning, and to be held there during the present session, and his Excellency the Governor is desired to adjourn the Assembly accordingly.

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AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN AMERICA HOLDEN AT HARTFORD, BY ADJOURNMENT, ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, ANNO DOMINI 1777.

Present:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*
The Honble Matthew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

[The names of the Assistants present are not entered on the record.]

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benja. Payne, for Hartford.
Gener^{l} Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Benoni Olcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Ezekiel Williams, Colo. John Chester, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Benja Talcott, Mr. Seth King, for Bolton.
Doct^{r} Neziah Bliss, Mr. Elijah Kellogg, for Hebron.
Capt. Amasa Mills, for Symsbury.
Mr. Titus Hosmer, for Midletown.
Mr. John Farley, Mr. Abiel Holt, for Willington.
Colo. Isaac Lee, Mr. John Treadwell, for Farmington.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Mr. Ebenezer Gay, for Stafford.
Colo. Samuel Chapman, Mr. Ichabod Griggs, for Tolland.
Colo. Henry Champion, Maj^{r} Elias Worthington, for Colchester.
Doct^{r} Alex^{r} Wolcott, Capt. Edward Griswold, for Windsor.
Capt. Nehemiah Brainerd, Mr. Ezra Brainerd, for Haddam.
Colo. Dyar Throop, Colo. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Colo. Nathan^{l} Terry, Mr. Peter Reynolds, for Enfield.
Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Mr. Ebenezer White, Chatham.
Capt. Reuben Sikes, for Somers.
Capt. Abraham Granger, for Suffield.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, jun^{r}, for Newhaven.
Mr. Samuel Barker,* Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. Eliphalet Hotchkiss, Capt. Thomas Clark, for Derby.
Mr. Elnathan Camp, for Durham.
Capt. Isaac Miles, Mr. Gideon Buckingham, for Milford.
Mr. John Burgess, for Guilford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brunson, for Waterbury.
Mr. David Brooks, Colo. Street Hall, for Wallingford.
Maj^{r} William Hillhouse, Mr. Winthrop Saltonstall, for New London
Capt. Elijah Backuss, Capt. Elisha Lathrop, for Norwich.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Mr. Daniel Redfield, for Killingworth.

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Capt. Samuel Shipman, Mr. William Linde, for Saybrook.
Capt. Jeremiah Halsey, Mr. David Adams, for Preston.
Maj^r Charles Phelps, Mr. Paul Wheeler, for Stonington.
Mr. John Lay 2^d, Capt. Samuel Ely, for Lyme.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Colo. Nathan Gallop, for Groton.
Capt. Samuel Squire, for Fairfield.
Capt. Caleb Baldwin, Mr. Henry Peck, for Newtown.
Mr. John McKay, for Greenwich.
Mr. Samuel Cook Silliman, for Norwalk.
Mr. Samuel Hungerford, Mr. Alex^r Stewart, for New Fairfield.
Capt. Sylvanus Knapp, Capt. Isaac Lockwood, for Stamford.
Capt. Daniel Judson, Capt. Abraham Brinsmade, for Stratford.
Mr. Nathan Olmsted, Mr. John Benedict, for Ridgfield.
Major Eli Mygatt, for Danbury.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, Mr. Nathl Wales jun^r, for Windham.
Mr. David Payne, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Mr. Hezekiah Green, Mr. Benja. Levins, for Killingley.
Colo. Jeremiah Mason, Mr. Beriah Southworth, for Lebanon.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edmund Freeman, for Mansfield.
Capt. Nehemiah Lyon, for Woodstock.
Capt. Jedidiah Fay, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Capt. John Weld, Mr. Thomas Williams, for Pomfrett.
Capt. Ebenez^r Kingsbury, Capt. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.
Capt. James Bradford, Mr. Joseph Shepard, for Plainfield.
Colo. James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Maj^r. Andrew Adams, Mr. Jedidiah Strong, for Litchfield.
Mr. Uriel Holmes, for Hartland.
Mr. James Pardy, Mr. Joseph Lord, for Sharon.
Maj^r Jethro Hatch, Capt. Joseph Carter, for Kent.
Colo. Ebenez^r Norton, Capt. Asaph Hall, for Goshen.
Capt. Samuel Forbs, Mr. Asahel Bebee, for Canaan.
Colo. Joshua Porter, Capt. Abiel Camp, for Salisbury.
Capt. John Willson, Capt. Daniel Catlin, for Harwington.
Mr. Abner Marshall, Mr. John Cook, for Torrington.
Capt. Giles Pettibone, Mr. William Walter, for Norfolk.
Mr. Judah Kellogg, for Cornwall.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Colo. Benja. Hinman, for Woodbury.
Colo. Samuel Canfield, Mr. Samuel Comstock, for New Milford.
Mr. John Jenkins, Mr. Isaac Tripp, for Westmoreland.*

Titus Hosmer, Esqr, Speaker, } of the House of Representatives.
Benjamin Payne, Esqr, Clerk, }

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* In addition, the following gentlemen were returned as elected: Col. Noah Phelps, Symsbury; Col. Comfort Sage, Middletown; Capt. Jonathan Wells, Glastonbury; Col. John Penfield, Chatham; Maj. Abiel Pease, Somers; Capt. Simeon Sheldon, Suffield; Mr. Pierpoint Edwards, New Haven; Gen. James Wadsworth, Durham; Gen. Andrew Ward, Guilford; Maj. Elijah Abel, Fairfield; Col. John Mead, Greenwich; Col. Joseph Platt Cook, Danbury; Col. Samuel McClellan, Woodstock; Capt. Abel Brace, Hartland; Capt. Thomas Porter, Cornwall.
Roll in *Rev. War*, viii, 250.

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An Act in Addition to the Law enjoining an Oath of Fidelity to this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person within this State shall exercise any office, civil or military, within the same, nor vote in any town, society or other public meeting appointed by law, nor plead in any court except in his own case, till he has taken the oath of fidelity to this State. And that no person after the first day of December next, who shall be appointed executor on any estate, shall be admitted to execute that trust till he has taken said oath, but administration if necessary shall be granted *cum testamento annexo* to some proper person in his stead; nor shall any person after the said first day of December be appointed administrator on any estate nor guardian to any minor till he shall take the aforesaid oath.

An Act concerning the Real Estates of Aliens and Persons inimical to the United States of America.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all houses, lands and other real estates, situated within this State, not belonging to any inhabitants or subjects hereof, or of any other of the United States of America, shall be taken possession of for the Governor and Company of this State, and such of said estates as are fit for use shall be leased out to proper persons for a term not exceeding three years for a reasonable rent. And the State Attorney in the county where such real estates are situate is hereby authorized in behalf of said Governor and Company to transact said business and to commence and prosecute any action or suit necessary for recovering possession of such real estates, and to recover damages for any trespass or waste that may hereafter be committed thereon, and to recover and receive the rents as they become due, and pay all such sums as the said attorney shall receive for damages or rents, as aforesaid, into the treasury of this State, for the use of the State. And said attorneys shall be allowed as a reward for their service three *per cent.* on all the monies by them so received and paid into the treasury, and shall also be entituled to the bills of cost that may be recovered in the actions they commence as aforesaid. And said attorneys shall fix a time and place for letting such real estates and give public notice thereof in one or more of the newspapers in this State three weeks successively next before said time, and shall lease such houses and lands to the highest bidder, taking good security for the rents, and that no waste shall be made of the wood, timber or any other part of the estate.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no inhabitant of this State or of any other of the United States of America, who are inimical to the freedom or independence of said States, and refuse or neglect to take the oath of fidelity prescribed by the State to which he belongs, nor any alien or foreigner, shall be capable to pur-

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chase or transfer any real estate within this government without special licence from the General Assembly. And all conveyances or grants or transfers whatever, made of any such real estates by or to any such person or persons without such licence shall be void and of no effect. And it shall be the duty of the selectmen of the several towns in this State, and every of them, to give notice to the State Attorney of all real estates in their towns which belong to foreigners.

An Act to encourage Fair Dealing and to restrain and punish Sharpers and Oppressors.

Whereas all conspiracies and other acts to enhance the prices of merchandize or any of the necessities and conveniences of life bought and sold are at all times immoral, oppressive to the poor, and pernicious to the State, and more especially so at the present time, by reason of the interruption of commerce and great demand for many articles occasioned by the war:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the twelfth day of November next no person in this State shall purchase any of the following articles (except in small quantities for their own use and consumption or for the use and consumption of their families or immediate dependants, or tradesmen and artificers for carrying on the business of their trades,) *viz:* Rum, sugar, molasses, tea, wine, coffee, salt, tow cloth or any kind of linen or woolen cloths, stockings, shoes, raw hides, leather, wool, flax, cotton and wool cards, butter, cheese, wheat, rye, indian corn, beans, pease, meal or flour of any kind, beef, pork, cyder, tobacco, neat cattle, sheep or other live stock, (except to keep or fat on their own farms,) unless such persons first obtain a licence therefor signed by the civil authority and selectmen in the town wherein they dwell, or a majority of them when convened together, who shall not grant such licence to any persons but such as are known to be of good character for probity, public spirit and friends to the freedom and independence of the American States, and who shall have taken the oath of fidelity to this State by law prescribed. And if any person so licenced shall misbehave in said business by selling any articles at unreasonable prices, or refusing to sell them at reasonable prices for bills of credit of this State or bills of the United States, the said authority and selectmen, or the major part of them, may revoke the licence granted to such persons so misbehaving as aforesaid.

Be it further enacted, That no person shall sell in this State any of the articles aforesaid which he has ingrossed or has now in his possession, or which he may hereafter purchase and bring in from any of the neighbouring States, without first obtaining a licence therefor as aforesaid, or a permit from the Governor and Council of Safety of this State, on penalty of forfeiting double the value of every article so sold, or suffer six months imprisonment. And to prevent any fraud in regard of said articles which shall be sold by any such purchaser or

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engrosser, who has any of said articles in his possession, he shall before any such licence or permit be given him make out a true list or account of all such articles which he has for sale, and deliver the same on oath to the authority granting such licence.

And whereas many persons, under pretence of being employed to purchase for the army, have heretofore purchased up many of the articles enumerated in this act, in order to engross them and sell them again at exorbitant prices:

Be it further enacted, That no commissary or assistant commissary, or any other person whatever, authorized to purchase supplies for the army or navy of the United States, shall purchase any such articles in this State untill he has produced his authority to and obtained a certificate thereof from the Governor, Deputy Governor, or an Assistant in this State; and any person who shall purchase any of the articles aforesaid under pretence that they are for the use of the army or navy, who is not properly authorized as aforesaid, shall forfeit treble the value of the articles so purchased and be liable to be imprisoned at the discretion of the court before whom the conviction is, not exceeding six months. And whosoever shall be guilty of the breach of the first paragraph in this act by purchasing any of the articles therein mentioned without licence, shall forfeit double the value of the articles so purchased. And all forfeitures by virtue of this act shall belong one half to the informer who shall prosecute his information to effect and the other half to the treasury of this State, unless the prosecution be made by an informing officer, in which case the whole forfeiture shall belong to the treasury of the State. And it is enjoined on all informing officers and recommended to all other persons, to be vigilant in detecting and prosecuting all breaches of this act.

This act shall continue in force untill the rising of the General Assembly in October next, and no longer.

An Act in Addition to and for the Alteration of some Part of the Law of this State relating to Embargoes.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That when any person or persons shall purchase or procure any article of goods, wares, merchandize or commodity whatsoever, from any other State, in order to transport through this State, shall immediately upon his or their coming into this State apply to the next assistant or justice of the peace for a proper certificate for that purpose. That upon such person or persons producing sufficient evidence to the satisfaction of such assistant or justice of the peace that such goods &c. were procured *bona fide* in some other State and not in this, and that such person or persons so applying are friendly to the liberties of America, such assistant or justice of the peace shall certify the same accordingly by writing under his hand, in which case such person or persons so obtaining such certificate shall have free liberty to transport such article &c. through this State without hindrance or molestation.

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And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whensoever any of the inhabitants of this State shall apply to an assistant or justice of the peace for liberty to transport out of this State by land or water so much of their produce, excepting sheep's wool and cloathing of every kind, as shall be sufficient to purchase a sufficient quantity of salt for the use of their families respectively, and that only; such assistant or justice of the peace with the assistance of two or more of the selectmen of the respective towns to which such person or persons (so applying) belongs, shall consider and adjust the quantity of produce that ought to be permitted; and such assistant or justice of the peace with the advice of said selectmen is hereby directed to grant such permits for that purpose accordingly.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever a permit is applied for by virtue of this act, to transport produce by water, it shall be the duty of the authority granting the same to require bond with surety of the person or persons applying for the same, to the amount of three times the value of the articles of produce so permitted, that he or they will not dispose of the same to the enemies of this State but will apply the avails thereof for the purchase of salt, and that only.

An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act entituled An Act concerning Indian, Molatto and Negro Servants and Slaves.

Whereas it stands enacted in said act, that all slaves set at liberty by their owners, and all negro, molatto or Spanish Indians, who are servants to masters for time, in case they come to want after they shall be so set at liberty or the time of their said service be expired, shall be relieved by such owner or master respectively, their heirs, executors or administrators: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That if any master or owner of any servant or slave shall apply to the selectmen of the town to which he belongs, for liberty or licence to emancipate or make free any such servant or slave, it shall be the duty of such selectmen to enquire into the age, abilities, circumstances and character of such servant or slave, and if they, or the major part of them, shall be of opinion that it is likely to be consistent with the real advantage of such servant or slave, and that it is probable that the servant or slave will be able to support his or her own person, and that he or she is of good and peaceable life and conversation; such selectmen, or the major part of them, shall give to the owner or master of such servant or slave a certificate under their hands of their opinion in the premises, and that the master or owner of such servant or slave hath liberty to emancipate and set at liberty such servant or slave. And if the master or owner of any servant or slave shall on receiving such certificate emancipate and set at liberty such servant or slave, he, his heirs, executors and administrators, shall be forever discharged from any charge or cost which may be occasioned by

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maintaining or supporting the servant or slave made free as aforesaid; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for punishing Persons guilty of wilfully and maliciously destroying Magazines of Stores or Vessels belonging to this State or the United States.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That if any person or persons shall wilfully and maliciously burn and destroy, or attempt or conspire to burn or destroy any magazine of provisions or of military or naval stores belonging to the United States of America or to this State; or if any master, officer, seaman, mariner or other person, intrusted with the navigation or care of any continental vessell, or vessells belonging to this State, shall wilfully and maliciously burn or destroy, or attempt or conspire to burn or destroy such vessell, or shall wilfully betray or voluntarily yield or deliver any such vessell to the enemies of the United States of America, every such person and their aiders or abetters, on legal conviction of either of the offences aforesaid, shall suffer death.

An Act for further continuing a Law of this State made and passed by the General Assembly in December, 1776, for preventing the Distilling of Spirituous Liquors from Grain.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act shall continue in force untill the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

An Act in Addition to a Law of this State entituled An Act to prevent the Obstructing the Course of the Fish up the River Paucatuck.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person or persons shall set or draw any sein or seins, or make any ware or hedges or other incumbrances in or across the river called Paucatuck River, for the purpose of catching the fish with seins or obstructing their natural course up said river at any place within this State above the point called and known by the name of Aushpook Point, on penalty of forfeiting and paying as a fine the sum of thirty pounds, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information; one half thereof shall be for the town where the complainer or prosecutor lives, and the other half to him who shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect, if by a common informer, and if by a public informing officer the whole shall be for the use of said town. And if any such ware or sein, or other incumbrance, shall be made across or set in said river for the purpose aforesaid, the same is hereby declared to be a common nuisance, and shall and may be pulled down, demolished and removed as such by any person or persons whatsoever. And it shall be the duty of the constables and grand-jurymen of the town adjoining said river to enquire after and presentment make of all breaches of this act: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in

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this act shall extend to prevent any mill-dam from being kept up in the manner and at the seasons that have been usual on said river.

Whereas the multitude of our iniquities have provoked the righteous Governor of the universe to display the tokens of his wrath against us, by means whereof we are involved in the calamities of a bloody and unnatural war, tending to introduce prophaneness, injustice, oppression, and almost every kind of vice; and as virtue is the only foundation of happiness to a free people,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired in behalf of this Assembly, earnestly to exhort all persons of every rank carefully to abstain from oppression, injustice, and every vice, and to apply themselves to industry, economy, and every moral and social virtue; strictly enjoining and requiring men of every denomination to be peculiarly carefull to yield a willing and chearfull obedience to the laws of this State; and that all executive courts, ministers of justice and informing officers in their respective departments, use their utmost influence in promoting the administration of justice and due observance of the law among the people, assuring all orders of men that this Assembly are determined to remove every officer of government who shall fail of a faithfull performance of his trust; earnestly recommending to the good people of this State a due attention to the high obligations they are under to perform the duties of brotherly kindness and charity, to alleviate each others burthens, relieve the distresses of the poor, and that they discountenance as much as possible all persons who are in any way practicing the detestable vices of monopoly, ingrossing &c., or who withhold the conveniencies of life from sale or demand exorbitant prices for the same, considering them as totally unworthy of election to any public office, and even as the vilest pests of society. And that the ministers of the gospel in their several societies in this State be directed to read said proclamation publickly in their respective congregations.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Roger Sherman, Eliphalet Dyar, Samuel Huntington, Oliver Wolcott, Titus Hosmer, Oliver Elsworth, and Andrew Adams, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed Delegates to represent this State at the General Congress of the United States in America, for the year ensuing and untill new be chosen and arrive in Congress if sitting: any one or more of them who shall be present in said Congress are hereby fully authorized and impowered to represent this State in said Congress, to council and advise and resolve upon measures necessary to be taken and pursued for the defence, security and preservation of the rights and liberties of the said United States and for their common safety; and of such their proceedings and resolves they do transmit authentic copies from time to time to the General Assembly of this State.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That the Delegates from this State be instructed to move the Honorable Continental Congress to recommend to each of the United States immediately to draw in and sink their outstanding bills, excepting bills less than a dollar, by them respectively emitted, and to tax themselves in a sum, to be ascertained and proportioned for each State by Congress, sufficient to pay the current annual expences of the war and to sink part of the continental bills drawn in, by taxes and the continental loan offices, to lessen the quantity in circulation, and to apportion the whole sum of continental bills emitted to each State, recommending to them respectively to provide sufficient funds for sinking the same in a reasonable time.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a Prison Ship be provided for the reception of the prisoners of war in this State, if a convenient one can be hired or impressed for a convenient time at a reasonable price. And his Excellency the Governor is authorized and desired, by and with the advice of the Council of Safety, to give such orders therein as he shall judge most expedient.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be desired, and he is hereby desired, to address each of the United States on the subject of the circulating medium, and inform them of the resolutions of this State thereon, and to correspond with them on any matter of common concern to these States.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the troops of this State in Colo. Enos' regiment are entituled to the same refreshments as are allowed to the continental troops raised in this State while in continental service.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be desired, and he is hereby desired and fully impowered, to nominate and appoint an Agent in the State of Massachusets Bay, for the purpose of managing and conducting all matters, causes and things, relative to all prizes, captures or parts of captures, taken and brought into port there by any ships or vessels of war belonging to this State; and that his Excellency be desired to impower such agent to act and transact in the matters aforesaid pursuant to such orders and instructions as he shall receive from time to time from this Assembly or his Excellency the Governor with the advice of his Council of Safety.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be imported, as soon as possible, blankets and other coarse woollens into this State for the use of the State, to supply the continental army, to the value of twenty thousand pounds sterling, from France or elsewhere; and his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety are hereby impowered

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to carry this resolve into execution in such way and manner as they shall judge the most safe and expeditious.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Commissary of Prisoners be and he is hereby directed to send under proper guard thirty of the prisoners sent from the State of New York which arrived at Hartford on the 17th instant, to the town of Windham, to be confined in Windham county goal under the care and direction of the sheriff of said county, and that twenty of the prisoners sent from said State of New York at the time aforesaid be by said Commissary in like manner sent to the town of Norwich, to be confined in the county goal in Norwich under the care and direction of the sheriff of New London county; and said sheriffs are required to receive said prisoners accordingly and to make necessary provision for their subsistance, and to provide proper guards for the safe keeping said prisoners and the security of the inhabitants, with power to let such of said prisoners go out to labour as may be judged safe, with the advice and under such restrictions as said sheriff with the advice of the selectmen of the respective towns to which said sheriffs belong shall judge safe and best.

An Act for providing for the Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers belonging to the Battalions of Continental Troops raised by this State and the Families of such Officers and Soldiers.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the respective towns in this State shall annually during the present war choose a committee for the purpose of supplying the families of such officers and soldiers belonging to their respective towns with such provisions and cloathing as may be necessary for their support, to the amount of the sum of money as shall by such officer or soldier be lodged in their hands for that purpose, not exceeding the one half of the annual amount of their wages, and shall deliver the same to such families at the prices stated by a late law of this State entituled An act to prevent monopolies and oppression by excessive and unreasonable prices for many of the necessarys and conveniencies of life. And that in case said committee cannot procure such provision and cloathing at a reasonable price, upon their or the major part of them applying to and representing the same to any assistant or justice of the peace, it shall be the duty of such authority to grant a warrant to seize and impress the same from such person or persons as can conveniently spare the same, to be judged by the committee praying out such warrant; who having impressed any such article shall cause the same to be apprized by three indifferent men, one to be chosen by said committee, one by the proprietor of such articles, and one by the officer who served said warrant; and in case said proprietor shall neglect to choose an apprizer the same shall be chosen by said officer; and upon the payment or tendry of the sum at which said articles

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shall be apprized to the owner thereof, the said officer shall deliver the same to said committee. And all cost shall be paid by the owner of such articles in case the same shall not be apprized at a greater sum than had been offered by said committee, and may by them be deducted out of the price of such articles; otherwise to be paid by said committee and refunded to them out of the town treasury to which said committee belong; and whatever sum shall be paid for any such article, either by agreement or apprizement, more than the price stated by said act shall be paid by said towns respectively; and the several towns shall state their accounts of the articles supplied and what they have paid over and above the sums received from said non-commission officers and soldiers for whose families they have so provided and lay the same before the General Assembly, that the same may be examined and adjusted, which being done the said towns shall be paid the sums allowed out of the treasury of this State.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any commissary appointed by this State for the purpose of supplying the non-commission officers and soldiers in continental service from this State with necessarys and refreshments not supplyed them by the Commissary General, shall not be able to purchase the same at a reasonable price, upon application by them made to said committees, shewing where the same may be obtained as aforesaid, the same method may be taken for impressing the same as is already in this act provided for supplying the families of such officers and soldiers, and shall be delivered them at the several prices stated in the aforesaid act, which shall be deemed the prime cost, and the overplus to be paid and born by this State; and the cost incurred thereby shall be paid by the owner of such articles in case the same shall not be apprized at a greater sum than that had before been offered by said commissary, and may by him be deducted out of the price of said articles as aforesaid, otherwise to be paid by said commissary and refunded to him out of the treasury of this State. And the officer serving any such warrants shall make return thereof to the authority granting the same, who is hereby authorized to tax all the cost arising thereon and order the payment thereof accordingly.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever the militia of this State shall be called out of the same and there do military duty, the non-commission officers and soldiers shall be entituled to the same necessaries and refreshments and at the same rates as those belonging to this State in the continental army are entituled to. And all committees heretofore chosen for the purpose of supplying the families of such officers and soldiers shall be vested with the same powers and be under the same regulations as the committees to be chosen by virtue of this act.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any town in this State shall neglect to comply with any of the particulars required by this act, on complaint thereof and proof made to this

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Assembly such town shall be liable to suffer such disabilities, forfeitures or penalties, as on consideration of the case this Assembly shall see fit to inflict. And the several State Attorneys are required to make information of the breaches of this act within their respective counties to the General Assembly, that such disobedient or negligent town may be dealt with accordingly.

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person shall be chosen by virtue of this act a committee man or an apprizer untill he hath taken the oath of fidelity to this State. And the apprizers shall be under oath to apprize such articles as shall be impressed as aforesaid at their true and just value in money, and shall have allowed them a reasonable reward for their service, to be taxed as aforesaid.

Whereas his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety on the 12th day of September, 1777, resolved that each town in this State be requested to make provision to procure immediately one shirt, or more if they see fit, either linen or flannel, one hunting-shirt or frock, one pair of woolen overhalls, one or two pair of stockings, and a pair of good shoes, for each non-commissioned officer and soldier in the continental army belonging to such town, and deliver the same to Messrs. Elijah Hubbard or Royal Flint, superintending commissaries for this State, to be by them conveyed to the respective issuing commissarys of the battalions of the continental army raised in this State, to be by them delivered to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers raised in this State at the following rates: Shoes at eight shillings and six pence per pair, stockings at six shillings per pair, shirts, hunting-frocks and overhalls, according to the quality in proportion to good yard wide tow cloth at two shillings and nine pence per yard, and good yard wide check'd or striped flannel at three shillings and six pence per yard.

Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, That every town in this State be obliged forthwith to comply with the aforesaid requisition: not only in regard to the number of soldiers belonging to such towns respectively, but also to make the same provision for each town's whole quota of soldiers as stated by the Governor and Council of Safety, and cause the same to be delivered either to the said Hubbard or Flint, or to some one of the purchasing commissaries in the respective counties in this State, taking their receipts for the same, and transmit an account thereof to the General Assembly, which shall be paid for out of the treasury of this State, as shall be stated by said Assembly. And in case said cloathing cannot be otherwise procured, the same may by warrant from any one assistant or justice of peace, which warrant said authority are hereby impowered, upon application to them made by the committees appointed by said towns for the purpose of procuring said cloathing or for the supplying the families of said officers and soldiers, to grant, be impressed from any persons who can conveniently spare the same, to be adjudged by said committees; which being done, the same shall be appraised by three

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indifferent persons to be under oath for that purpose and who have taken the oath of fidelity to this State: one to be chosen by the owner of such articles, one by said committee, and one by the officer serving such warrant; and in case said owner shall neglect to choose such apprizer as aforesaid, the same shall be chosen by said officer, and the cost arising upon said warrant (being first taxed by the authority granting the same) shall be paid by the owner of said articles, provided the same be not apprized at a greater sum than had before been offered by said committee, and may by them be deducted out of the price of said articles, otherwise to be paid by said committee and charged in the account with said articles and transmitted to the Assembly and be finally paid out of the treasury of this State. And if any town in this State shall neglect to comply with the foregoing resolve untill the first day of January next, they shall be amerced in the sum of twenty pounds, and the several State Attorneys are directed to cause due prosecution to be made of the same accordingly. And in case any persons are desirous to send any of the articles aforesaid to their friends in the continental army from this State, they may put up the same in packages properly marked and directed, which shall be duly delivered and receipts taken and payment be made for the same as aforesaid, not exceeding the quantity above prescribed for one single person, and shall be accounted as part of said town's quota.

Resolved by this Assembly, That for supplying the militia which have already marched or that may in future be called into service with tents and other necessaries, all the tents that can be procured in this State be immediately sent forward to the militia that have joined General Putnam; and that canteens, kettles or pots, sufficient for fifteen hundred men, be provided and sent forward in like manner. That the canteens, kettles and pots, be provided as far as may be in the western brigades. That some suitable person be appointed in each brigade to procure said articles, and properly mark the tents belonging to each town, and keep a proper account of the tents and other articles provided, and to what town or person they belong, and that the articles so provided be directly delivered by the person who procured them to the commanding officers of each regiment of said militia now with them in equal proportion, and take his receipt, and that such commanding officer be directed to appoint some proper person to take care of and deliver out said articles, and collect and return the same when the service of said militia shall be expired, into the towns or unto the particular persons of whom they were received, taking their receipts therefor, and make return of their doings with an invoice of the articles so returned and to what town or particular person or persons belonging, to the General Assembly or in their recess to his Excellency the Governor; and that for the future when the militia of this State shall be called into service, the brigadier general of the brigade from which such militia shall march shall give

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orders for the furnishing such militia with such tents and other necessaries as they may want, which articles so taken and delivered shall be taken care of and returned in the same manner as is above provided for those now to be delivered to the militia now in service.

And be it further resolved, That in case any of said tents or other utensils, being the property of any town or particular person, shall be lost or damaged, that said loss or damage shall be paid for to the owner or owners out of the public treasury of this State; the same being first duly estimated by judicious disinterested apprizers.

It being represented to this Assembly that there is great want of small iron pots and kettles for the use of the militia of this State when called forth in defence of the country,

It is therefore resolved, That his Excellency Governor Trumbull, with advice of the Council of Safety, be desired and he is hereby desired, and soon as may be, to give orders to the managers of the furnace at Salisbury to have without delay run six hundred pots or kettles proper for camp use, to be distributed to the several brigadier generals of this State for the use of their several brigades, according to orders to be received from his Excellency and Council of Safety.

Whereas the Honble Continental Congress did resolve that it be recommended to the legislative authority of this State to appoint recruiting officers for continental service and furnish them with money for the purpose aforesaid and charge the same to the account of the continent:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the several resolutions of Congress respecting the recruiting service aforesaid be immediately printed, as also the resolution of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety appointing said officers in the several brigades in this State; and that one dozen of each be delivered to each officer so appointed; and also that 2000 inlistments be printed and delivered to said officers for the purpose aforesaid; and that the sum of £300 0*s*. 0*d*., lawfull money, be advanced to each recruiting officer for the purpose mentioned in said resolves of Congress, and the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby ordered to draw on the Treasurer for the same and charge the same to the account of the United States: taking bond with sufficient surety or sureties of said officers for the faithfull discharge of their duty, and oblige them to account as by said resolution of Congress is provided.

Upon the complaint of Increase Mosely, jun^r^, Esqr, against John Hinman, captain of the 11th military company in the 13th regiment of militia in this State, for disobedience of orders &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Captain John Hinman be and he is hereby dismissed from his said office of captain, and that said company be led to a choice of another captain and such other officers as may be

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necessary; and the colonel of said regiment is directed to give orders for the same accordingly; and that the said John Hinman pay the cost arisen in the premises, allowed to be £9 7 1, and that execution issue accordingly. *Execution granted Nov*^{r} 1, 1777.

Whereas the listers in a number of towns in this State, by means of the sudden call for the militia, have not been able to compleat the lists in said towns, by means whereof inconvenience may arise: Which to prevent,

Resolved by this Assembly, That each of the towns in this State shall have and receive their school money after the rate of forty shillings on every thousand pounds of all the additions of the polls, rateable estate and assessments, that shall or may be brought or returned to the Secretary of this State on or before the 15th day of January next; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed to pay the same to said towns accordingly.

Whereas complaints have been exhibited against a number of military officers belonging to this State: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. John Watson, Hezekiah Fitch, and Jedidiah Strong and Reuben Smith, Esq^{rs}, be and they, or any three of them, are hereby appointed a committee to examine into the conduct of the several military officers in the county of Litchfield against whom complaints have been made, and report make of what they find in the premises with their opinion thereon to this or some future Assembly.

Whereas the committee appointed by the General Assembly in their sessions in May last to confer with a committee of the reverend corporation of Yale College on sundry important matters respecting the present situation of said college, have, among other things, reported to this Assembly that in their opinion the education of youth in that important seminary might be put upon a more extensive plan of usefulness in sundry respects without deviating from the original design of its institution, in which opinion the committee of said corporation were agreed and have applied to this Assembly requesting a further conference on that subject: Resolved by this Assembly, that Abraham Davenport and Samuel Huntington, Esq^{rs}, Titus Hosmer, Samuel Bishop, William Hillhouse, Gold Selleck Syllyman, Nathaniel Wales jun^{r}, and Daniel Sherman, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to confer with such of the Revd Corporation as shall be appointed a committee for that purpose, upon the ways and means for concerting a plan to effect the above valuable purposes, and report make of the result of their conference to some future Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby appointed to receive from the selectmen or com-

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mittees of the respective towns in this State the accounts of and for the articles of cloathing provided for the use of the non-commission officers and soldiers belonging to this State in the continental army pursuant to orders given by his Excellency and Council of Safety, compare, adjust and render equal the accounts rendered in, so that justice and equity be done among the towns, and that they draw on the Treasurer for payment accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a tax of twelve pence on the pound be laid on the list of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State given in in August last with the additions that shall be brought in; and in order thereto, that the listers of the respective towns in this State be and they are hereby directed and ordered to compleat and bring in said list with the additions and lodge the same with the Secretary by the fifteenth day of January, 1778. Said tax to be levied and paid by the 15th day of April, 1778, and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to issue his warrants accordingly; and that the clerks of the respective towns certify to the Treasurer of this State by the 15th day of January next the name of the person chosen in the respective towns to collect the country rates for the year 1778.

It being represented to this Assembly that a prize ship has lately arrived at Salem in the State of the Massachusets Bay, on board of which is a considerable quantity of cloathing that may be suitable for soldiers and may likely be purchased for that purpose; and that Majr Jonathan Otiss of Midletown is now on his journey to Salem and will undertake to purchase the same or part of them for this State: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Majr Jonathan Otiss be and he hereby is desired and authorized to enquire into the quality and price of said cloathing, and if found suitable for the use of the soldiers in the continental army and to be purchased on reasonable terms, that he purchase for the use of this State to the amount of four thousand pounds, lawfull money, and that an order be drawn on Samuel Eliott junr, Esqr, of Boston, agent for this State, to pay to said Majr Otiss in whole or in part of said sum as occasion may require for the purpose aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a bounty or premium in the proportion of forty shillings per month be allowed and granted to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the light-horse and militia of this State that have been called into public service to join the continental army during the campaign the summer past, except such as have been allowed the same bounty by any former act of the General Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the militia and volunteers that have lately marched or are now on their march to the aid of General

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Putnam near Fishkill, shall be intituled to the same pay, bounty and refreshments, as the forces sent on to Albany last August. That a proper person be appointed to proceed immediately with three thousand pounds to pay out to any of said militia or volunteers in advancement as part of their pay as they shall have occasion, not exceeding twenty shillings to each man. That a quantity of rum be also immediately forwarded to the issuing commissary to deliver out accordingly for their refreshments. And also, that the person sent on to said forces be directed to make the most speedy return to the Assembly of the number, state and accommodations of our forces with General Putnam. And his Excellency the Governor is desired to give the necessary orders for carrying the above resolutions into immediate execution.

Whereas it evidently appears to this Assembly that the late Commissary General has a large quantity of salt and other stores in his hands belonging to the United States, and no person hath yet appeared properly authorized to receive them, and no commissaries of purchases appointed by Congress to purchase provisions under the late regulations in the Eastern Department have accepted the trust, and General Putnam hath lately sent his earnest pressing request that fat cattle for the use of the army under his command may be immediately purchased, but no person here inclines to undertake the service without the order of Congress or this Assembly, they not being furnished with money for that purpose: And as there are considerable quantities of beef and pork that might be now procured in this State for the use of the army, which will probably be otherwise disposed of unless speedily secured: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Excellency the Governor be desired to write by express to the Honble Congress of the United States to acquaint them with the matters aforesaid, that they may take such measures therein as they shall think fit.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissaries appointed by this Assembly to furnish tents for the use of the militia under the command of General Putnam return those tents to the towns they belong to, and Captain Jabez Huntington is directed to notify said commissaries of this resolve.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. James Bull in the first brigade, Mr. Elnathan Camp in the second brigade, Mr. Jonathan Deming in the third brigade, Mr. William Hawley in the fourth brigade, Mr. Samuel Gray in the fifth brigade, and Capt. Lynde Lord in the sixth brigade of militia in this State, to provide tents, pots and kettles, canteens and other utensils, for the militia of this State now in service with the army under the command of Maj^r^ General Putnam and forward them immediately to the chief officers commanding the militia there, observing the rules therein prescribed by a resolve of this Assembly passed in the present sessions.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That the Governor and Council of Safety be authorized to appoint proper persons and give necessary directions for purchasing provisions and other supplies for the land and sea forces of this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That notice be immediately sent to the persons appointed in the several brigades in this State ordered to provide and send forward tents and other camp utensils for the militia of this State who have joined Maj^r General Putnam, that it is unnecessary to provide any articles but tents, said militia being already sufficiently provided with all the camp utensils except tents; and Capt. Huntington is appointed to send notice to the persons ordered to provide the aforesaid articles.

This Assembly do appoint Lt. Colo. Jonathan Wells in the room of Mr. James Bull, who was appointed in the first brigade to provide and forward tents and other camp utensils for the use of the militia &c. and hath declined said office.

Upon the complaint of General Syllyman against sundry military companies and military officers in the county of Fairfield for disobedience &c., on which complaint a committee has been appointed who have made their report and the same has been accepted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that Ezra Kirtland, cornet of a troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State, for his misbehaviour be and he is hereby cashiered of his said office, and that the east military company in the town of Redding be and the same is hereby dissolved and annexed to the west company in said town, and that the 15th militia company in the fourth regiment formerly commanded by Capt. Henry Summers be and the same is hereby dissolved, and that they be annexed to the respective military companies to which they heretofore belonged, and that the said Ezra Kirtland pay the cost arisen in the premises, allowed to be two pounds one shilling and six pence; and that Daniel Hill of Reading and David Hait of Stamford, two of the officers complained of as aforesaid, also pay the cost arisen in the premises allowed to be two pounds one shilling and six pence each, amounting in the whole to the sum of £6 4 6, and that execution issue against them respectively for the same.

Upon the complaint of General Silliman against sundry military companies and military officers in the county of Fairfield, on which a committee has been appointed who have made their report, and the same being accepted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly that the major of the third regiment of light-horse in this State be and he is hereby ordered and directed to lead the troop of light-horse in said regiment of light-horse of which Samuel Belden of Norwalk was some time since appointed captain to the choice of a captain, lieutenant,

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quarter master, and such other officers as may be necessary for said company; and that the said Samuel Belding pay the cost arisen in the premises, allowed to be £2 1 6, and that execution issue accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, General Erastus Wolcott, General Wadsworth, Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Capt. Halsey, Mr. Wales, Colo. Porter and Mr. Treadwell, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, they or any three or more of them, for the purpose of revising the militia laws of this State now in force, and to prepare a bill containing a system of militia laws with such additions and alterations as they shall judge necessary for the better regulation of the militia, and to render the same more effectual for the safety and defence of this and the other United States in America, and report the same to this Assembly at their next session.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the prisoners of war now quartered in the court-house in this place be immediately removed out of the same; and Ezekiel Williams, Esqr, Commissary of Prisoners, is directed to execute this order, and he is hereby impowered to provide such lodgings or barracks for them as may be necessary for them to prevent their suffering, and to impress and take up any stores, shops, vessels or other buildings necessary and proper for that purpose, at the expence of this State at present, and that the same be charged to the continent.

Whereas Daniel Sherman, Esqr, Colo. Nehemiah Beardslee, Capt. Increase Mosely, and Mr. Lemuel Sanford, or any three of them, were by the General Assembly in May last appointed a committee to repair to Danbury and there by every lawfull means to enquire into and ascertain the right of every person that might be rendered precarious by the losses of the public records of said town lately destroyed by the enemy and to report to the General Assembly then next, which time is found too short for them to compleat the business assigned them: Resolved by this Assembly, that said committee together with Colo. Samuel Canfield and Capt. Caleb Baldwin, or any three of them, proceed in the business of their commission and make report of their doings therein to this or some future Assembly.

Whereas small bills are much wanted for change in currency,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be forthwith imprinted the sum of five thousand two hundred and fifty pounds in bills of the following denominations, *viz:* two pence, three pence, four pence, five pence, and seven pence; sixty thousand bills of cash* of the same tenor with the late emissions of

* *Sic, sed* each *in original bill, Rev. War*, viii, 48.

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bills of credit of this State, without interest, payable at or before the 10th day of October, A. D. 1782, and that John Chester, Ebenezer Plummer, John Treadwell, Samuel Bishop junr, Joseph Hopkins, Thomas Mumford, Charles Phelps, Samuel Squier, John Brooks, Jabez Huntington of Windham, Jeremiah Ripley, Andrew Adams, and Abel Hine, Esqrs, or either of them, be and they are appointed a committee to receive of the Treasurer and sign the same without fee or reward; and the Treasurer is to cause said emission of bills to be forthwith imprinted and deliver them to said committee or either of them, taking from them bills of credit of this State to the amount of such imprinted bills said committee shall receive, and to keep the bills so received to be disposed of as the General Assembly shall direct.

And be it further resolved, That the afore mentioned bills to be emitted be signed by one of the committee only.

Whereas one John Shepard of the State of New Hamshire was on the fourth day of December, 1776, arrested in this State and brought before a committee appointed by the General Assembly of this State to examine and confine persons whom they judged inimical to this and the United States, and on examination said committee judged that said Shepard was an inimical and dangerous person to the rights and libertys of America, and thereupon said committee on the sixth day of said December by a warrant under their hands ordered said Shepard to be confined in Windham county goal till he should be delivered by due order of law, which Shepard was accordingly committed to said goal from which he some time after made his escape to said State of New Hamshire, where he was taken and confined in goal and afterwards was by the sheriff of said Windham county taken and brought to and confined in said Windham goal where he still remains, and it is now represented to this Assembly that said Shepard has been guilty of counterfeiting the bills of credit of said State of New Hamshire and other crimes and high handed misdemeanors against said State, and that said Shepard greatly complains of being confined in goal without any tryal; and it appearing to this Assembly that the principal crimes that said Shepard is guilty of were committed out of this State, and thati t is dangerous to the public safety to permit said Shepard to go at large: Therefore it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Shepard be as soon as may be transported into said State of New Hamshire and there delivered unto some proper authority, to be disposed of and dealt with as the laws of that State and the safety of the public may require. And Jabez Huntington, Esqr, sheriff of Windham county, is hereby ordered and directed to transport and deliver the said Shepard agreeable to this resolve to some proper authority to receive said Shepard in said State of New Hamshire together with a copy of this resolution and order and a copy of the warrant or mittimus by which said Shepard was committed to said Windham county goal; and the authority of said State of New

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Hamshire are requested to receive said Shepard at the hands of said sheriff, or of him by whom said sheriff shall send him; and said sheriff is to make return of his doings in the premises to the General Assembly of this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That whenever the militia of this State are called into the service of the United States, the commanding officers shall take care that the pay-rolls be made up and application made for payment before or at the time the militia are dismissed. And his Excellency the Governor is authorized to appoint some suitable person or persons to be paymasters to receive and pay the money to each officer and soldier, agreeable to the resolutions of Congress.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to draw an order on the Treasurer for the sum of twenty pounds, *viz:* fourteen pounds in bills and six pounds in specie, in favour of Maj^{r} John Bigelow employed to go to New York under a flag to negotiate an exchange of Capt. Judd of the *Antelope* for Capt. Manly of the *Hancock*, and other public service to be accounted for; and the whole of said Bigelow's wages and expences to be by said committee settled and charged to account of the United States.

This Assembly do appoint Doct^{r} Joel King to be Surgeon to Colo. Roger Newberry's regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Major George Dorrance to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 24th regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Lazarus Stewart, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint John Garret, Esqr, to be Major of the 24th regiment of militia within this State, in the room of George Dorrance, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Experience Storrs, Esqr, to be Colonel of the fifth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Jedidiah Elderkin, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Brown, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the fifth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Experience Storrs, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Hezekiah Huntington to be Major of the fifth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Thomas Brown, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Roberts to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Williams to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Hurlburt to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Roswell Grant to be Captain of the first company of the alarm list in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Alexander King to be Ensign of the first company of the alarm list in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Loomiss to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Taylor jun^r to be Ensign of the 5th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Booth jun^r to be Lieutenant of the third company of the alarm list in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Reynolds to be Ensign of the third company of the alarm list in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Waldo to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Seth Dunham to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Job Tyler to be Lieutenant of the 10th company of the alarm list in the 5th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Dunlap to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Shepard to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Spaulding jun^r to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Root to be Ensign of the 3d company of the alarm list in the 22d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Robert Stedman to be Captain of a company of volunteers in the town of Sharon.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Lord to be Lieutenant of a company of volunteers in the town of Sharon.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Landers to be Ensign of a company of volunteers in the town of Sharon.

This Assembly do establish John Riggs jun^r to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Riggs jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Scribner to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Wetmore to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Job Winslow to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 25th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Morehouse to be Ensign of a company or trainband in Norfield society in the town of Fairfield in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Weed to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Gray to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Collins Gorton to be Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the third regiment in this State.

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Upon the memorial of Ray Silleck, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Nathaniel Silleck late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £19 7 8½, L. money, and praying to be impowered to sell real estate to raise said sum &c. as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £19 7 8½, L. money, for the payment of said debts and charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

On the memorial of Samuel Lovett, as guardian to David Knight, Jonathan Knight, and Silas Knight, all of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that the said David and Jonathan are twins in the seventh year of their age, and that the said Silas is in the fifth year of his age, and that neither of them have or ever had any estate except about three or four acres of land each that was set out to them in the division of the estate of their father, Mr. Benjamin Knight late of said Norwich, deceas'd, and that there has arisen necessary charges for their support since the decease of their said father over and above what was allowed by the judge of probate to the widow of said deceas'd for bringing them up to the age of four years each, which has been considered and allowed by said judge as follows, *viz:* For keeping and supporting said Jonathan, £12 15 6, and for keeping and supporting said David £9 5 0, and for keeping and supporting said Silas £8 0 0, which can no other ways be paid but by money raised by the sale of said lands, as appears by a certificate from the clerk of probates for the district of Norwich, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell so much of said lands as shall be sufficient to raise the sum or sums from each of them respectively due: Thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and power and authority is hereby given to said Samuel Loveitt, to sell so much of the lands of the said Jonathan as to raise the sum of £12 15 6, and of the land of said David so much as to raise the sum of £9 5 0, and of the land of said Silas so much as to raise the sum of £8 0 0, with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Norwich therein.

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On the memorial of Ozias Bidwell, administrator on the estate of Zacheus Scott late of Hartford, deceas'd, for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and it is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said Zacheus Scott of Hartford, deceas'd, as will raise the sum of £64 18 6, L. money, to discharge the debts due from the estate of the said deceas'd; to be sold by the advice of the court of probates for the district of Hartford; together with necessary charges of sale.

Upon the memorial of Isaac Hull jun^r of Wallingford, lieutenant in the third company of the first regiment of light-horse in said State, shewing that by an act of the General Assembly in October, 1776, said troop was ordered to the western part of said State to join the forces then under the command of Maj^r General Wooster, and that he, said Hall, took the command of said troops, the captain thereof being sick, and went into said service and continued in the same from the 25th day of said October to the last day of December following, together with said troop, and that neither he nor said troop have been paid therefor, and praying that the Committee of Pay-Table be ordered to adjust his pay-roll &c., as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed and they are hereby directed to adjust and settle the pay-roll of said troop of light-horse by the same rule as hath been heretofore allowed by Congress to the troops of light-horse of this State while in the service of the continent, and draw on the Treasurer for the pay, and charge the same to the continent.

Upon the memorial of John Kennady and Robert Atkinson of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that they were convicted before the superior court of carrying one Smith to Long Island in August last and was sentenced to be imprisoned twelve months and pay ten pounds, L. money, fine and cost, and as they have nothing to pay praying that they may be released from confinement, giving security for the cost, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be released and suffered to return to their homes on their taking the oath of fidelity to this State and giving such security for the cost of prosecution and their future good behaviour as they can procure; and Samuel Huntington, Esqr, is authorized to take such security and order their discharge.

Upon the memorial of Mr. John Townley, merchant, a native of Great Britain, praying for liberty to return to Great Britain by the way of New York &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to return home to England, and his Excellency the Governor is requested to give him liberty to go to New York by a flag of truce at the expence of the memorialist.

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Upon the memorial of Elisha Wadsworth of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that he hath been for some time past and now is confined in goal, pursuant to a sentence or judgment of the superior court, who also rendered judgment against him that he should pay a fine of forty pounds and costs &c.; praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that upon the memorialist's executing and delivering to the Treasurer of this State his, the memorialist's, note or obligation payable for said fine and costs, and taking the oath of fidelity to this State, he be released from his confinement in said goal and confined within the limits of the town of Hartford during the remainder of the term for which he was sentenced to be imprisoned as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Gershom Scott jun^r of Waterbury, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1775 he inlisted into the service of this State under the command of Capt. Caleb Trowbridge of New Haven; that said Trowbridge has drew and received his wages, being £14 18 8, but neglects to pay the same; praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to examine and adjust the wages and allowances due to the memorialist and draw an order on the Treasurer for the payment of the sum which they shall find due: provided the memorialist shall become bound with suretys to repay such sum as he shall receive or any part thereof as may afterward appear to have been paid by said Capt. Trowbridge.

Upon the memorial of the listers of the town of Fairfield, shewing that in making up the fourfold assessments and additions to the list of said town for the year 1776 they by mistake neglected to distinguish the amount of each and have now certifyed that the additions to said list amounted to £3337 5 10, and the fourfold assessments to £4409 4 6: Resolved by this Assembly, that said certificate be accepted and said list entered accordingly.

Upon the memorial of John Welton, administrator on the estate of Benjamin Scott late of Waterbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on said estate over and above what a certificate hath been heretofore given for amount to the sum of £48 16 1; praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of said estate as will be sufficient to pay said sum: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said John Welton have liberty and authority to sell so much of said estate as will be sufficient to pay the said sum of £48 16 1 with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Abraham Thomas of Woodbury, shewing to this Assembly that Isaac Thomas, his son, a soldier in Capt. Bradley's

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company in Colo. Gay's regiment, was wounded in the knee at the White Plains on or about the 31st day of October last with a cannon ball, from whence he was carried to North Castle, and from thence to said Abraham Thomas' house in Woodbury, where he continued untill the ninth day of December, and then died of his wounds, and that in bringing the said Isaac home, cost of doctors, medicines &c., he hath expended in money to the amount of £24 6 9, for which he hath received no recompence, and praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table receive and adjust the accounts of the said Abraham Thomas and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall find justly and reasonably due thereon.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Beers of Stratford, administrator on the estate of William Beers late of said Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £64 0 2; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with incident charges &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said administrator be permitted, and liberty is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £64 0 2 with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Beers and Mary Lamson, both of Stratford, administrators on the estate of John Lamson late of said Statford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £285 10 0½; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said administrators have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted unto them, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £285 10 0½ with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Brigadier General Oliver Wolcott, shewing to this Assembly that on the requisition of Majr General Gates in September last he marched with between three and four hundred of the militia of his brigade, including about 25 of the light-horse and a few of the 13th regiment as volunteers, and joined the continental army under the command of said General Gates, and continued with him in said service untill the surrender of General Burgoyne and then were dismissed, and that some supernumerary officers were included in said company; praying that such allowance may be made to him and the rest of said volunteers and for their horse hire as may be just

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and reasonable, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said brigadier and such field officers, captains and subalterns as marched with him and continued in said service, be allowed and paid the same wages, rations and allowances that officers of their respective rank are allowed and paid in the continental army for the time they served as aforesaid; and that the non-commission officers and soldiers, or those who served as such, be allowed and paid the same wages, premium and other allowances in proportion to the times of their said service as was by act of the General Assembly in August last allowed to the two regiments of militia ordered to be raised to join General Gates, and that they have the same allowance for horse hire; that said 25 light-horse be allowed the same as the light-horse who marched with or about the same time with said two regiments. And said Brigadier Wolcott is desired to make or cause to be made proper abstracts and pay-rolls and deliver the same to such person as shall be appointed by his Excellency the Governor pay-master for said volunteers, which pay-master the Governor is desired to appoint; and said pay-master is directed to present said abstracts &c. to General Gates and request him to give order for the payment of the same or such part as he shall judge just, which sum said pay-master is directed to apply for, receive and pay out according to said pay-roll, and to apply to the Committee of the Pay-Table to settle and adjust the remainder agreeable to this resolve, who are directed to settle and adjust the same and draw on the Treasurer of this State to pay the ballance due to said pay-master, to be by him paid to said Brigadier Wolcott &c., agreeable to said pay-roll.

Upon the memorial of Allyn Wightman, administrator on the estate of John Lamb late of said Groton, deceas'd, shewing that the debts against said estate surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £36 11 0, L. money, and praying for liberty to sell a house and garden spot adjoining part of the real estate of said deceas'd, inventoried at £45 0 0, money, for the purpose of raising the aforesaid sum of £36 11 0, L. money, with incidental charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Allyn Wightman have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to make sale of the abovementioned house and garden spot for the purpose of raising the abovementioned sum of £36 11 0, L. money, with incidental charges arising on said sale, taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Stonington therein, and to be accountable for the surplus, if any be, as administrator.

Upon the memorial of Amos Atwell and Josiah Green, of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, administrators on the estate of Elisha Green jun^{r}, late of Gloucester in the county of Providence in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,

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shewing to this Assembly that the personal estate of said deceas'd is not sufficient to pay the just debts of said deceas'd, and that said deceas'd died possest of real estate in lands lying in the town of Glocester and Killingley, partly in this State and partly in the State of Rhode Island, and that said administrators applied and had liberty from the Assembly of Rhode Island to sell real estate in said State sufficient to raise the sum of £200 0 0, L. money, for discharge of the deceas'd's just debts; and the memorialists further shewing that it would be of much more advantage to the heirs of said deceas'd to sell the estate of the deceas'd lying in Killingley in this State, and praying this Assembly to grant liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd lying in this State as will raise the sum of £200 0 0, and is sufficient to pay the debts of said deceas'd and charges arising thereon, as per memorial on file dated the 16th day of September, 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to them, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to raise the sum of two hundred pounds and the incident charges arising thereon, under the direction of the town council of the town of Glocester afores'd therein: provided no lands are sold pursuant to the act of Assembly in the State of Rhode Island.

Upon the petition of Daniel Foot, of Branford in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that Elihu and Edwin Foot, sons to the petitioner, marched to New York the beginning of August, 1776, for the defence of the United States, and there remained untill the 25th of August when Edwin was taken sick and removed to Harlem with Elihu to tend him, where he lay untill the 14th of September when he was removed to Rye, no provision being made there for the sick, and having an opportunity they returned to Branford by water about the 23d of September, where the said Edwin continued under the doctor's care untill the 13th of November when he died, and that both his said sons were returned deserters, and consequently received no pay; praying for wages, cost of sickness &c.: It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed and they are hereby directed, to settle and adjust the wages of said Elihu and Edwin and expences of sickness of the said Edwin, in the same manner and by the same rule as is allowed to such as are regularly discharged from service, and to draw an order on the Treasurer of this State for such sum as shall appear to be justly due.

Upon the memorial of Richard Lightfoot, a native of the Kingdom of Ireland, praying for liberty to return to Ireland by the way of New York &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to return home to Ireland; and his Excellency the Governor is requested to give him liberty to go to New York by a flag of truce, at the expence of the memorialist.

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Upon the memorial of Jeremiah Mason, shewing to this Assembly that he commanded a regiment of militia at or near Maroneck in the State of New York, that when the enemy landed at Frogs Point the regiment he commanded was extended near eight miles in length to watch the motions of the enemy, which rendered it necessary for the memorialist to keep a horse for his use in the service, and that while his horse was so used, by a sudden attack of the enemy his horse was lost with his saddle and bridle; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file, dated the 19th day of December, 1776, appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the committee of Pay-Table draw an order on the Treasurer of this State to pay said Jeremiah Mason the sum of fifteen pounds out of the public treasury in recompence for his horse, saddle and bridle, and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same accordingly, and the Pay-Table charge the same to the continent.

Upon the memorial of Anne Pierpoint, administratrix upon the estate of Mr. James Pierpoint, decd, representing that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd exhibited since the former allowance, including some allowances to keep house, amount to the sum of £135 16 11, and that there is no moveable estate to pay the same; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum, as per memorial on file appears; Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £135 16 11, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Howell, administrator upon the estate of Timothy Howell, decd, representing the debts and charge due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £160 16 7¼; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charge of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £160 16 7¼, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Mix, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of the rates for the town of New Haven on the lists of the year 1764 and 1772, and that he had settled and paid the whole of said rates to the Treasurer, on which lists considerable sums are still due, and the said Mix is in so bad a state of health that he is

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unable to collect the same; praying that John Wise may be authorized to collect the sums still due: Resolved by this Assembly, that power be given and power and authority is hereby given to said John Wise, to take the warrants and proceed in collecting the sums still due on said rates, in like manner as said Mix might do, and that said Wise account with said Mix for such sums as he may receive for said rates.

Upon the memorial of Oliver Wolcott, shewing to this Assembly that he was by the Continental Congress in 1775 appointed a Commissioner for Indian Affairs for the Northern Department, and that in the months of August, September and December in the same year, he attended for thirty-two treatys in consequence of said appointment with the Six Indian Nations at Albany, for which he has received no pay except his expences; praying for an adequate reward for said services: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Oliver Wolcott receive out of the public treasury of this State the sum of twenty-seven pounds, L. money, and said Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of John Polly, of Lebanon in the county of Windham, administrator on the estate of Mr. Samuel Loomis jr. late of Norwich, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges in settling said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £45 5 10, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the said sum with the incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £45 5 10, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale, for the purpose of discharging said debts; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Norwich therein.

Upon the memorial of Elisha Fitch and Seth Smith, executors to the last will and testament of Mr. Ephraim Smith late of Stonington, deceas'd, setting forth that the debts and legacies which said executors are by said will obliged to pay surmounts the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £93 19 8, L. money; praying that some suitable person may be appointed to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased, contained in a residuary devise, as will raise the sum of £93 19 8 with the incident charges thereon arising: Resolved by this Assembly, that Jeremiah Halsey, Esqr, of Preston, be appointed to sell the same, and the said Jeremiah Halsey is hereby authorized and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd, contained in said residuary devise, as will raise the aforesaid sum of £93 19 8, lawfull money, with the incident charges arising on said sale, and to give a deed of the same, for the purpose of discharging said debts and legacies; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Stonington therein.

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Upon the memorial of Noadiah Kibbee of Somers, representing to this Assembly that while in the service of his country in the last winters campaign in Colo. Enos' battalion he was unfortunately taken lame by means of a feverish eruption on his foot, of which he hath languished to this day, and is like to continue in the same condition for a long time, or perhaps for life, and that he has been at great expence for doctors and attendance since his return home, which has greatly distressed himself and family, and praying that some reasonable allowance might be made him therefor, so that he may not be a sufferer in consequence of his entering into the public service, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of £15 1 8, being the amount of the physicians bills, be granted to the memorialist, and the Committee of Pay-Table is directed to draw on the Treasurer for the payment of the same accordingly.

Upon the petition of Christopher Reed, Prosper Wetmore, and Azariah Lathrop, all of Norwich in the county of New London, and the rest of the subscribers inhabitants of said Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that Pardon Tillinghast Taber, of New London, was in March last by his own confession convicted of going on board a ship belonging to the enemies of these United States, and was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment in said Norwich which he has suffered hitherto, and that he hath behaved as well as a man under his circumstances could do, and that he is sensible of his misconduct, and that he was perswaded by a person who had the care of his education to think favorable of the measures of the King of Great Britain, and that the said Taber is very infirm and troubled with a pain in his breast and is in a very declining state, and that the goal is small and full of prisoners and very unwholesome, and that Capt. Jeremiah Harriss, a fast friend to these United States, is willing to take the whole charge of said Taber, and is willing to give bond for said Taber's good behaviour untill the time of his confinement shall expire; praying that said Taber may be released from his confinement, and be put under the care and government of Capt. Harriss for the remainder of the time for which he is sentenced to be imprisoned, upon giving bond for his good behaviour during the time aforesaid, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that upon the said Pardon Tillinghast Taber's taking the oath of fidelity to this State, and the said Capt. Jeremiah Harriss giving a bond of five hundred pounds, lawfull money, to the Treasurer of this State, for the use of this State, conditioned that the said Taber shall be of good behaviour during the term that he is sentenced to confinement and do nothing injurious to this or any of the United States of America or the liberties of the same, that on the sheriffs receiving said bond for the use aforesaid and the fine and cost being paid and satisfied, he is hereby ordered and directed to discharge the said Taber from prison and put him under the care and government of the said Capt. Jeremiah Harriss for the term of his confinement.

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Upon the memorial of Benjamin Phillips, John Phillips, Elijah Phillips, Joseph Bailey, Latham Avery, Job Tyler and John Dabol, all of Groton, shewing to this Assembly that they were severally assessed fourfold for neglecting to give in their lists to the listers of said Groton in the year 1776, in the following sums, *viz:* Latham Avery £284, Joseph Bailey £304, John Dabol £92, Job Tyler £148, John Philips £120, Benjamin Phillips £160, and Elijah Philips £84, amounting in the whole to the sum of £1192, and that the said listers are willing the same should be abated, as they were thus assessed by mistake &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be abated and they are hereby severally abated their said fourfold assessment down to their respective single lists, upon their paying into the treasury of this State all such sum or sums of school money which have been paid out of the treasury on said fourfold assessments; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed to adjust and settle the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Crane, of Ashford in the county of Windham, executrix of the last will and testament of Ebenezer Crane late of said Ashford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd with a small allowance to the widow of said deceas'd surmounts the whole of the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £35 19 8¾, L. money, for the payment of which no provision is made by the said last will of said deceas'd; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist together with Joseph Woodward of said Ashford have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to them, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the said sum of £35 19 8¾, L. money, with incident charges of sale, and execute proper deed or deeds of the estate sold; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Pomfrett therein.

Upon the memorial of David Seeley, of Stratford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Israel Seeley late of said Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of said Israel Seeley, deceas'd, surmounts the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £6 3 0, L. money, to pay which the said administrator hath no estate in his hands; praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy the said sum of £6 3 0, together with the cost and charges of sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted to the said David Seeley, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him the said David Seeley, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy the said sum of £6 3 0 and the charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

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Upon the memorial of Martha Avery, of Lyme in the county of New London, administratrix on the estate of Andrew Avery late of said Lyme, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £31 16 9; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of £31 16 9, money, to enable her to discharge the debts due from said estate, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and she is hereby appointed and fully impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of £31 16 9, to discharge the debts aforesaid together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Peck, of Lyme in New London county, in the State of Connecticut, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Peck late of said Lyme, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the said deceas'd Samuel Peck at the time of his death together with funeral charges, charge of administration, support of sick family, court fees &c., surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £84 14 3¾, L. money, and prays this Assembly to impower the administratrix or some other meet person to make sale of so much of the real estate of the s^d deceas'd as shall amount to the sum of £84 14 3¾, L. money, with incident charges arising thereon, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be appointed and she is hereby appointed to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd Samuel Peck as shall amount to the sum of £84 14 3¾, L. money, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of Olive Blackslee and John Blackslee, administrators on the estate of John Blackslee late of Waterbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on said estate with some allowance to the widow &c. surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £116 12 0; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will pay the said sum with incident charges &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Olive Blackslee and John Blackslee have liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay the said sum of £116 12 0, L. money, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of John Kellogg of Hebron, shewing to this Assembly that he marched to the State of New York with the militia under the command of Capt. David Tarbox, and on the third day of

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October, 1776, was taken sick with the dysentery and removed into the country for better accommodation by the advice of some officers, and that by the assistance of his friends was transported home where he remained sick untill said regiment was discharged, by which means he hath been returned in the pay-rolls as a deserter and cut out of all the wages, expences and allowances; praying for relief &c. as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to settle and adjust the wages of the memorialist and expences of sickness while in service, in the same way and manner as if he had been regularly discharged, and draw on the Treasurer for what they find due and charge the same to the continent.

Upon the memorial of Jeremiah Rude jun^{r} of Lebanon, shewing to this Assembly that on the 4th day of July, 1776, he inlisted into a company under the command of Capt. James Clark in Colo. Sage's regiment and marched to the State of New York, where he did his duty faithfully untill the 17th of September, when he was taken sick and unable to take care of himself, and that his father with the assistance of Capt. Clark made application to the General for liberty to go home, when the General gave liberty for him to be conveyed into the country &c., and the roads being so crowded that he could not be accommodated and his said father conveyed him home, where he remained sick untill said regiment was discharged, by which means he was returned as a deserter and hath not received his wages, expences &c., except his bounty and first months pay; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to adjust the wages, expences and other allowances, in the same way and manner as though he had not been returned a deserter, and draw on the Treasurer for what they shall find due and charge the same to the continent.

Upon the memorial of James Nichols, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Benjamin Ingersol late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and allowances due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £18 16 5, L. money, and praying to be impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £18 16 5, L. money, for the payment of said debts and charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probates in the district of Stamford therein.

On the petition of Benjamin Sumner, Esqr, and others, inhabitants of the first society of Ashford, living in the easterly part of said society, shewing to this Assembly that said society are unitedly

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of opinion that they are of ability to support the gospel in two societys, and they are desirous that said first society may be divided into two distinct ecclesiastical societys by a certain line agreed on by said first society at a society meeting held in said society the 27th of March, 1777, which line begins by the river called Bigelow River at Mansfield north line, from thence running up said river to the south line of Mr. Samuel Snow's land, from thence to extend so far west as to include said Snow's farm and Mr. John Humphry and John Abbott's farms, thence up said river untill it intersects the line of the society of Westford; praying that all that part of said first society lying easterly of the abovementioned line and the inhabitants thereon may be made and constituted a distinct ecclesiastical society and be vested with all the powers, rights, and privileges, that by law other ecclesiastical societies in this State are vested with, as by said memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the lands and inhabitants lying and being on the easterly side of the above described line in said first society be and they are hereby made and constituted a distinct ecclesiastical society, called by the name of Eastford, and that said society of Eastford shall have and enjoy all the powers, rights and privileges that other ecclesiastical societys in this State are by law intituled to.

Upon the memorial of Ozias Marvin of Norwalk: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be paid out of the treasury of this State £28 1 4, L. money, in satisfaction for forty-five gallons of rum, sixty pounds of dryed beef, eight pounds of sugar, and twenty-four case bottles, by him supplied to the militia of this State on their march to Danbury on the 28th day of April last, at the request of the officers; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are directed to draw an order on the Treasurer for payment thereof.

Upon the memorial of Ralph Isaacs, shewing to this Assembly that he has been taken up and confined a prisoner by order of Assembly in October, 1776, and is now a prisoner confined to the limits of the first society in Branford, for being unfriendly to this and the other United States of America, and praying to be released from his said confinement on taking the oath of fidelity as prescribed by law, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to attend any of the superior or county courts in this State in which he has any action depending for tryal, upon his first taking the oath of fidelity prescribed by the laws of this State.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Lattimer and Daniel Lattimer, administrators on the estate of Capt. Jona. Latimer late of New London, decd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the moveable estate of the deceas'd the sum of £528

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13 9, L. money, and praying for liberty to sell so much real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum and charges, as per memorial on file dated the 30th day of October, 1777, appears: Resolved by this Assembly that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to them, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £528 13 9, L. money, with the charges arising thereon; under the direction of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of selectmen of the town of Greenwich, shewing to this Assembly that in the action at Compo on the 27th of April, 1777, one Lebbeus Mead, of Capt. Seeley's company Colo. Courtland's regiment of the State of New York, received sundry exceeding bad and dangerous wounds, so as to be unable to be removed, and was nursed and tended by order of their selectmen, whereby a necessary expence was incurred to the amount of £51 19 4; praying for payment &c., as per memorial on file dated 30th October, 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to examine, adjust and settle said accounts and draw on the Treasurer for payment of such sums as they shall find due, who is hereby ordered to pay the same and charge the same to the account of the United States.

Upon the memorial of Hanford Fairweather of Norwalk, shewing to this Assembly that by a judgment of the superior court held at Fairfield in February, 1777, he was sentenced to be confined in Windham county goal for two years, for being inimical to the United States of America, and was committed accordingly and there held untill some little time passed he was permitted to go at large in said town of Windham to labour, on condition of returning to said goal at night, which condition greatly hinders his labour, and that he has a family at Norwalk which depends on his labour to prevent their being a public expence, and that he has so conducted as to give satisfaction of his repentance and friendship to said States; praying for liberty to go at large to labour in said town of Windham without the inconvenience of returning to said goal at night, and that he may have liberty to remove his family to said town of Windham and to go to said Norwalk and settle his affairs and help them remove, on his giving security to the sheriff of Windham county for his good behaviour in his absence and safe return, as per said memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to go at large in said town of Windham to labour for his support during the time he was sentenced to be confined in said goal, without the inconvenience of returning to said goal on condition of his good behaviour said term, he taking the oath of fidelity by law provided; and the memorialist has liberty hereby granted to him to go to Norwalk and to have a reasonable time to remove his

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family to said town of Windham if he see cause: on condition that he give security to the sheriff of said Windham county for his good behaviour in his absence and for his safe return. Provided that the memorialist shall first obtain liberty of the selectmen of said town of Windham to remove his family into said town of Windham and there abide during the time of his confinement as aforesaid.

The Gentlemen nominated by the Votes of the Freemen of this State to stand for Election in May next as sent in to the present General Assembly are as follow, viz:

His Excellency Jonath^{n} Trumbull, Esqr,
The Honble Matthew Griswold, Esqr.
Jabez Hamlin, Esqr.
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr.
Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr.
Jabez Huntington, Esqr.
William Pitkin, Esqr.
Roger Sherman, Esqr.
Abraham Davenport, Esqr.
Joseph Spencer, Esqr.
Oliver Wolcott, Esqr.
Samuel Huntington, Esqr.
Richard Law, Esq.
William Williams, Esqr.
Mr. Titus Hosmer.
Genl Samuel H. Parsons.
Mr. Daniel Sherman.
Genl Erastus Wolcott.
Genl James Wadsworth.
Mr. Silas Dean.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Steel of Tolland, administrator on the estate of John Huntington late of Toland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that he hath exhibited a further account of debts due from the said estate over and above what hath been heretofore allowed, amounting to the sum £36 11 3, as allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford, for which no certificate has heretofore been given; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £36 11 3, L. money, with incident charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £36 11 3, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of David Fox jun^{r}, of Hartland in Litchfield county, administrator on the estate of Elkanah Fox late of said Hartland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowances against said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £64 4 8; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £64 4 8 with incident charges &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator be and he hereby is impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said dec^{d} as to raise said sum of £64 4 8 with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

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On the memorial of Joseph Kindal, and Hannah Kindal his wife, both of Ashford, which Hannah was late sole and then and still administratrix on the estate of her then late husband, Asa Smith of Woodstock, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said deceas'd, with some allowance made to the widow of said deceas'd, surmount the personal or moveable estate and the avails of the real estate of said deceas'd sold by order of the General Assembly in May, 1776, the sum of £139 15 0, L. money; praying that the memorialist or some other meet person may be appointed and authorized to sell so much of the remaining real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £139 15 0 with the incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the remaining real estate of said deceas'd Asa Smith as to make said sum of £139 15 0, L. money, with the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Pomfret therein.

Upon the memorial of Micah Richmond, Joshua Drake and John Willson, all of Killingley in the county of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialists being willing to venture their lives in the defence of this and the rest of the United States, in the month of May, 1775, and that they voluntarily inlisted themselves in a company commanded by Capt. Joseph Eliott, Colo. Putnam's regiment, to serve the term of seven months, and that they received their bounties and one months pay, and they marched to Cambridge and served faithfully in said company untill about the first day of December then next, and that they received one months pay at Cambridge, and that through a mistaken notion that their time was out came away without being discharged and were returned as deserters, and have never received any wages, which they acknowledge to be a just punishment for the offence, and that they did not offend wilfully but ignorantly, and that they out of love to their country have inlisted several times in their country's service since, and served faithfully and are ever willing to defend their country to the uttermost of their power; praying that the Committee of the Pay-Table may be directed to adjust the wages of the memorialists and draw on the Treasurer for what they shall find due; as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be directed to adjust the wages of the memorialists as though they had been legally discharged and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall find justly due to them respectively.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Beach, of Goshen in this State, shewing to this Assembly that since the repeal of the late act granting a premium to those that should kill and destroy wolves in this State the wolves have increased to such a degree as to do much damage in kill-

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ing and destroying sheep in said Goshen and places adjacent, and that the memorialist had after much cost and pains by him taken and laid out for that purpose, taken, killed and destroyed two full grown wolves in said Goshen since the 20th of May last; praying that the same premium might be granted him out of the public treasury of this State that he should have been entituled to have received had said law not been repealed, being the sum of eight pounds; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist shall receive out of the public treasury of this State as a premium therefor the sum of eight pounds, and the Treasurer of this State is hereby ordered and directed to pay him the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the memorial of the second society in Milford, praying for further privileges &c., be continued to the next session of this Assembly.

Whereas the state of public affairs is such that this Assembly cannot attend to the hearing of private business between party and party: Resolved by this Assembly, that all petitions and memorials between party and party depending before this Assembly be referred for further consideration to the next session of the General Assembly, and that all committees heretofore appointed on any of said petitions and memorials have power and are directed to hear, examine and report to said next session of Assembly; and also that all protections of persons and estates from attachment, arrest and imprisonment, granted on any of said petitions and memorials, shall be continued and remain in full force till the rising of said Assembly in their next sessions.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to adjourn this Assembly to be held at this place on the second Thursday of January next.

This Assembly grants to his Excellency Governor Trumbull one hundred and fifty pounds for the last half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to the Honble Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds for the last half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly, pursuant to a resolve thereof and the order of his Excellency the Governor, (by proclamation,) was adjourned to the second Thursday of January next, to be holden at Hartford.

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AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD THE 13TH OF OCTOBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Titus Hosmer,	Esqrs.
Roger Sherman,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Nathl Wales junr,	
Abraham Davenport,		

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull settle the accounts and expence of bringing into this State Capt. Wm. Judd of [the] *Antelope*, Capt. Flin of the *Weymouth*, with the rest of the prisoners taken in the *Weymouth* by Capt. Seth Hardin in the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, and pay said expence; and that said Trumbull shall be reimburs'd the sum he shall so pay out of the publick treasury of this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD THE 15TH OF OCTOBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hillhouse,	Esqrs.
Roger Sherman,	Benn Pain,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Daniel Sherman,	
Abraham Davenport,	Nathl Wales junr,	
Titus Hosmer,		

Voted, That Capt. Robert Niles be and he is hereby directed to borrow of Majr Joshua Huntington a suitable stick for a mast for the sloop *Dolphin*, and that another such stick be provided and delivered to said Huntington for the same. *Order delivered to Capt. Niles.*

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to give a letter of credit to the amount of five thousand pounds sterling to purchase articles for the use of this State, agreeable to such instructions as shall be given said Niles for that purpose.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer of this State, in favour of Roger Sherman, Esqr, for the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars he let Capt. Robert Niles have at Philadelphia to purchase flour for this State, for which said Niles drew his order on the Governor, dated April 5th, 1777. *Said order on the Comtee drawn and delivered to Esq. Sherman.*

Voted, That the managers of Salisbury furnace be directed to hire eight teams for the use of said furnace and pay for the same in such way as they shall judge best for this State.

Voted, That Colo. Charles Burrel order such guard as he shall judge necessary for the security of the furnace at Salisbury, and give such orders as may be necessary for their regulation and the security of the furnace till further orders.

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull deliver unto the managers of the Salisbury furnace all the woolen cloth and one half the flannel and baize in his hands taken by the vessels of war belonging [to] this State, to be by said managers improved for the workmen at said furnace.

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Voted, That the managers of Salisbury furnace be directed to cast a quantity of grape shot: the quantity to be left to their discretion.

Voted, That Benjamin Huntington, Esqr, be and he is directed to fit the schooner *Spy*, belonging to this State, for the sea.

Voted, That Zebediah Smith of Norwich be and he is hereby appointed Lieutenant and Commander of the schooner *Spy*, belonging to this State, and that he inlist a suitable number of seamen and marines for cruising in the Sound, and take the command of said schooner and proceed on a cruise untill some person shall be appointed captain of the same.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD ON THE 17TH OF OCTOBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Daniel Sherman,	Esq^{rs}.
Roger Sherman,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Abraham Davenport,	Benjn Pain,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	
Titus Hosmer,		

Voted, To give an order to Brigadier Erastus Wolcott on the selectmen of East Winsor for 400 w^{t} of lead in their hands belonging to this State, to be by him made into cartridges for the use of his brigade for the defence of this State; and also give said Wolcott an order on Messrs. Elderkin and Wales for three hundred pounds w^{t} of musquit-powder, to be made into cartridges for the purpose aforesaid. *Said orders signed by the Governor.*

Voted, That Jabez Hamlin and Titus Hosmer, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed to treat with Mrs. Mary Alsop and Mr. Nathaniel Shalor upon the terms on which they will sell or lease the gin still-house and works belonging to them in Chatham, and receive their answer and lay the same before this Board.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER 20TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Abraham Davenport,	Daniel Sherman,	Esq^{rs}.
Jabez Huntington,	Ben^{jn} Pain,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Roger Sherman,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	
Titus Hosmer,		

Voted, That Eben^{r} Jewit of Norwich be permitted to carry out of this State one load of grain, one half to consist of oats: the whole not to exceed £15, to purchase dye stuff.

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull deliver to Benjamin Huntington, Esqr. 71 yds. of Tickelingburge * belonging to this State, or more if necessary, for the use of the schooner *Spy*.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins of Norwich pay to Benjamin Huntington, Esqr, one hundred pounds of the publick money in said Perkins' hands,

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* To make sails.

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to be improved in paying the advanced wages of the crew to be shipped on board the schooner *Spy*, and other necessary purposes for fitting out said schooner for sea.

Voted, That Capt. Wm. Hubbard deliver to Benjamin Huntington, Esqr, or his order, the two barrels of pork said Hubbard owes this State, to be for the use of the schooner *Spy*.

Voted, To grant the petition of Mrs. Phebe Halsted, and that she be permitted to go to the city of New York with her family and effects as pray'd for, under such directions as his Excellency the Governor shall give.

Voted, That Mrs. Elisabeth Feasch, now at Norwalk, be permitted to go to the city of New York, there to abide, agreeable to her petition on file; under such directions as his Excellency the Governor shall give.

Voted, That Sarah Cowdrey be permitted to go to her parents in the city of New York, to obtain her support and to remain there.

On the petition of Capt. John Longstreet, Capt. Garret Keating, John Barberiff, Capt. John Whrockmorton, Wm. Paterson, Surgeon John Robins, Ensign Charles Stockton, prisoners of war, praying for liberty for some one of said number to go to the city of New York to procure clothing and other necessarys for them, and to procure an exchange of one of our officers there as his Excellency the Governor may direct, as per petition on file: Voted, that either of said captains as they may agree may go to the city of New York for the purposes aforesaid, on his parol to return and not to give any intelligence or do any thing prejudicial to this or the United States of America; and that the captain who shall so go have liberty to procure himself to be exchanged for Captain Caleb Trobrige of this State, now prisoner at New York: all under such directions as his Excellency the Governor shall give for said purpose.

At a meeting of the Council of Safety held at Hartford the 22nd of October, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Genl Huntington,	Titus Hosmer,	Esq^{rs}.
Col. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Roger Sherman,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	
Abraham Davenport,		

Voted and resolved, That Samuel Elliot jun^{r}, Esqr, of Boston, be and he hereby is appointed Agent for this State in all maritime affairs, vessels of war and captors of the enemy's vessels, to be transacted with for this State in the State of the Massachusets Bay. And his Excellency the Governor is desired to prepare and send him a commission for said purpose.

At a meeting of the Council of Safety held at Hartford on the 23d day of October, 1777.

Present: The Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Genl Huntington,	Daniel Sherman,	Esqr.
Col. Pitkin,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Roger Sherman,	Andrew Adams,	
Col. Davenport,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	
Benjamin Pain,		

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Met and consulted taking up the gin-still, and what method would most likely be best for the interest of the State, and adjourned.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD THE 24 OF OCTOBER, 1777.

Present: The Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Genl Huntington,	Ben^{in} Payn,
Col. Davenport,	Andrew Adams,
Roger Sherman,	Wm. Hillhouse,
Titus Hosmer,	Nathl Wales jun^{r}.
Daniel Sherman,	

Voted, To refer the matter relative to taking the gin-still belonging to Mr. Gustavus Erkelins into the use of this State to the General Assembly to determine.

Voted, To refer the matter relative to the two bolts of duck taken from Mr. Saltenstel for them to determine the price.

Resolved, That Mr. Elijah Hubbard of Middletown deliver to the committee or overseers of the lead mine 400 w^{t} of wheat flour to replace what the committee have borrowed for the use of the miners, and that said Hubbard supply the committee with such further quantities of flour as they may want for the necessary supply of said miners.

Voted and resolved, That John Larrance, Esqr, Treasurer of this State, be directed to receive of Thomas Mumford, Esqr, agent of the Secret Committee of Congress, the money for eight thousand six hundred and forty pounds w^{t} of gun-powder, being at five shillings and four pence per pound, in part of what the State of Connecticut lent the continent at the request of General Washington, commander in chief of the American army, when at Cambridge in the year 1775 and 1776; and said Treasurer is directed to give his receipt therefor and a duplicate thereof to be lodged with the Secretary, who is directed to certifie a copy thereof to the Committee of Pay-Table, to enable them to place the same to the credit of the continent in account with this State. *Order delivered to Esqr. Mumford.*

OCTOBER 25TH. COUNCIL OF SAFETY MET, THE SAME AS YESTERDAY.

Consulted further about the distilling, and about the prisoners going to New York, and with the Commissary of Continental Prisoners about building barracks in this State for prisoners of war.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD THE 28TH OF OCTOBER, 1777.

Present: The same as the twenty-fifth day.

Sundry persons apply'd for permits. On consultation they were all refer'd to the General Assembly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD THE 29TH OF OCTOBER, 1777.

Present: The same as on the 28th.

Resolved, That Thomas Mumford, Esqr, be and he is hereby directed to examine the state and circumstances of a certain large prize ship now in

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New London harbour, and whether she be fit and proper to be used as a prison ship; and in case she is fit for that purpose to treat with the owner or owners of the ship for the purchase or hire of the same for said use, and receive his or their terms, and report the same with his opinion of said ship to his Excellency the Governor as soon as may be.

His Excellency laid before this Board one letter addressed to Ld How and one to the Commander in Chief, which were considered and approved.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD THE 30TH OF OCTOBER, 1777.

Present: The same as yesterday.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to draw on the Treasurer of this State, in favour of Maj^{r} Nathl Saltonstal for £300, for the use of the matross company under his command.

The order delivered to Mr. Daniel Latimer.

Voted, That Messrs. Elderkin and Wales send 500 w^{t} of powder, be sent to the care of Genl Huntington, 300 w^{t} for N. Saltonstal, and 200 w^{t} for Maj^{r} Wm. Ledyard, for the use of the forts at New London and Groton.

Voted, To appoint Capt. John Barns of Middletown an Issuing Commissary for this State.

Resolved, That Benjamin Huntington, Esqr, be and he is hereby appointed and directed to settle the expence arisen on the sloop *Dolphin*, taken by Capt. Niles, *viz:* the expence of the tryal and otherwise and the cargo of wood and what is due to the captors, and whether any appeal is taken, and report to this Board.

Voted, That the following towns have orders to receive their proportions of State salt at Dartmouth *viz:*

New Haven,	138 bushels.	Killingsworth,	33
Milford,	35	Saybrook,	44
Brandford,	34	Lyme,	68
Gilford,	48		

Voted, That Edward Hallam of New London, commissary for our troops stationed there, have liberty to receive for the use of said troops 20 bushels of this State's salt in the store of Capt. John Deshon at New London; and the store keeper is directed to deliver the same to said Hallam.

Order delivered to Daniel Latimer.

An order given by the Governor to the selectmen of Norfolk on Dolittle and company for one hundred w^{t} of musquit-powder.

The order deliver'd to Mr. Walter.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD THE 31 OF OCTOBER, 1777.

Present: The same as yesterday.

An order given to the selectmen of Norwalk to receive 73 bushels of State salt at Dartmouth of our agent, Saml Elliot jun^{r}, Esqr.

And an order for 46½ bushels to the selectmen of Greenwich, to be received at the same place and of the same person.

Both s^{d} orders delivered to Col. Davenport.

One order given to the selectmen of New Haven for 138 bushels, dated 3 of Nov^{r}, to be received at Dartmouth as above; and one to the selectmen

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of Branford for 34 bushels of State salt, to be received at the same place as above. *These two delivered to Roger Sherman, Esqr. The selectmen in every case to pay the storage.*

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD THE 3^D OF NOVEMBER, 1777.

Present: The Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Genl Huntington,	Ben^in Payn,
Col. Pitkin,	Andrew Adams,
Col. Davenport,	Daniel Sherman,
Roger Sherman,	Nathl Wales jun^r.
Wm. Hillhouse,	

Resolved, That the cannon at the foundery at Salisbury be exchanged one half at least for West India goods, cloths or other imported articles necessary for the use of the army; and the remainder in bills of credit of this or the United States. The cannon to be at the price they were sold at last year, and the articles received in payment at the prices contain'd in the late law against monopolies and oppression.

Copy sent by Daniel Sherman, Esqr.

Voted, To draw on the Treasurer of this State to deliver to the overseers of the cannon foundery at Salisbury four hundred pounds w^t of cannon-powder, for the use of the foundery.

Order delivered to Treasurer Larrance.

Voted, To send orders to the overseers of the cannon foundery at Salisbury not to dispose of any more pig-iron than what they have already engaged, unless on particular orders given for that purpose, and that a letter be sent to them for that purpose and to inform them of the powder ordered to be sent to them.

Voted, That Mrs. Glin, the late controler's wife, be permitted to go to New York in a flag; and that Pegey the wife of Mr. Henery and her two children; and Polly Bane and 3 children, be permitted to return to New York in flags; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to give necessary orders.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD THE 4 OF NOVEMBER, 1777.

Present: The same as yesterday.

Voted, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be directed to draw an order on the Treasurer of this State, in favour of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr, commissary for to provide for the troops stationed at Groton, for the sum of £1500 0 0, lawfull money, to be improved in providing for said troops and to account, and that he have orders to receive 15 bushels of salt of Capt. Deshon.

Voted, That Colo. Marshfield Parsons be directed to dismiss the militia under his command stationed at New London, Groton and parts adjacent, as soon as Colo. Ely shall return with his regiment to their post; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to give the necessary orders for said purpose.

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Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to give liberty to such persons as shall apply from other States by water in small boats with salt and other necessarys wanted by this State to trade and dispose of the same to the people here, and to purchase and carry out of this State such articles, the produce of this State, as his Excellency may judge reasonable to be spared: the persons so permitted conforming to the laws and regulations of this State. Provided that the persons so licensed dispose of the articles they so bring at reasonable prices.

4 November, 1777. An order drawn in favour of Eben^r Ledyard, Esqr, on the Pay-Table to draw on the Treasurer for £1500, and on Capt. Dishon for 15 bushels of salt. The order delivered to said Ledyard's son Jonathan.

Novr 4th, 1777. An order sent by Jonathan Ledyard to Lieut. Colo. Marshfield Parsons to disband the militia under his command there. A copy of the order is kept on file.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table liquidate the accounts for postage of letters charged to his Excellency the Governor by the post-master and draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of the post-master for the sum they shall find due to him therefor.

It being represented to this Board by Mr. Joshua Mersereau, deputy commissary of prisoners for the United States, that there is a convenient place at Enfield in this State for keeping continental prisoners of war, that he can procure of Mr. Isaac Kibbe a convenient house and accommodations of land for that purpose, that it will be necessary to build some barracks and to inclose the same, and a convenient yard with piquits; requesting the advice of this Board therein: This Board, being of opinion that the said place is proper and pine boards and other timber necessary near, do approve of its being made use of [for] that purpose, and recommend the same accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Colo. Pitkin,	Ben^lin Payn,
Col. Davenport,	Andrew Adams,
Roger Sherman,	Nathl Wales jun^r.
Daniel Sherman,	

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table settle Capt. Eben^r Bartram's account for the ballance due to him on account of his service on board the brig *Defence* belonging to this State, according to the common usage and custom of allowance in such cases, and draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of said Bartram for what they find due.

A copy of this order delivered to s^d Bartram.

Resolved by this Board, That Thomas Seymour, Esqr, Lieut. Colonel of the light-horse in this State, be and he is hereby directed to order and send forward twelve of the light-horse belonging to the first regiment of light-horse with a proper officer to command them, to join Brigadier Genl Parsons and subject to his command and the command of his superior officers, for the term of two months unless sooner discharged.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table settle with Elderkin and Wales for guarding the magazine of powder and petre at Windham, charged at

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12*s*. per day from the 9th of June, 1777, to the 5th of November, 1777, and draw on the Treasurer of this State for the ballance.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw an order on the Treasurer of this State in favour of Nathll Hibbard, for the sum of £18 7 3½, being the ballance of his account allowed by this Board for supporting John Shepard in goal. *Copy of this order given out.*

Voted, That the Committee of Pay Table draw on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Trumbull, printer, for the sum of ten pounds one shilling, being the ballance of his account for printing for this State.

Voted, That Capt. Isaac Bidwel of Farmington be permitted to carry out of this State twenty bushels of salt to purchase iron in the State of New York.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table settle and adjust Capt. Seth Harden's account for the officers and crew on board of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* belonging to this State, and draw an order on the Treasurer of this State for the ballance due to said Harden and crew.

Voted, That Elixander Cattlin of Litchfield have a permit to carry out of this State butter and cheese sufficient to purchase three tuns of iron for the use of the inhabitants of this State.

The following vote was passed the 4th of Novr, but omitted being entered, *viz:*

Voted, That Majr Genl Jabez Huntington, Brigadier Genl Erastus Wolcott and Nathl Wales junr, Esqrs, be and they are hereby appointed to repair to the town of Providence in the State of Rhode Island and join such gentlemen as may be appointed by the State of the Massachusets Bay and the State of Rhodisland to enquire into the reasons and causes of the failure of the late expedition formed against the island of Rhodisland, agreeable to the request of Majr Genl Spencer in his letter to his Excellency the Governor, and their report make. And his Excellency the Governor is desired to commission the committee from this State accordingly.

Voted, That Colo. Joseph Trumbull be and he is hereby appointed Commissary General of this State to purchase beef and pork for the use of this State, and if he do not undertake, if need be before Council meet, the Governor is desired to appoint another.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw an order on the Treasurer, in favour of Mr. Chancy Whitlecy of Middletown, in ballance of his accounts as commissary to provide clothing &c., for the sum of £33 5 10.

Order drawn and delivered to Titus Hosmer, Esqr.

Voted, That the Commissary General of this State purchase salt &c. for putting up provisions under such directions as the Governor and Council of Safety shall give, or in their absence agreeable to such orders as his Excellency the Governor shall give.

Voted, That Majr Genl Jabez Huntington be and he is hereby appointed to import clothing &c. under the directions of the Governor and Council of Safety.

Resolved, That Mr. Elijah Hubbard be and he is hereby appointed Agent for this State to purchase rye, receive the gin, and superintend the distillery at Chatham in behalf of this State under the direction of the Governor and Council of Safety.

Voted, That the several sheriffs in this State, *viz:* Williams, Wetmore, Fitch, Abel and Lord, be and they are hereby directed to release such articles of West India goods as they have taken and have in possession by virtue of

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warrants from his Excellency the Governor for the use of this State. And that Sheriff Wetmore, if any method be taken to recover of him the value of the articles he [had] taken, which were took from him by force, take proper methods to recover the damage of those who took the goods from him.

Permit granted to Thos. Mumford, Esqr, to transport 50 barrels of flour and 800 w^{t} of bacon to Isaac Capes in the West Indies.

N. B. This permit was granted Novr 25th, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON ON THE 18TH OF NOVEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Genl Huntington,
Colo^{l}. Pitkin,
Benj^{in} Huntington,
Nathl Wales jun^{r}, } Esq^{rs}.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Council of Safety present, sent orders to Brigadier Sylleman to detach and send forward to join Maj^{r} Genl Putnam out of Sylleman's brigade two hundred men properly officered, with one colonel from said brigade.

Also like orders to Brigadier Oliver Wolcott, to send from his brigade the same number properly officered, with one major.

And a like order to Brigadier Andrew Ward jun^{r}, to send two hundred men from his brigade properly officered, and a lieutenant colonel.

All to join Genl Putnam and subject to his command, to serve for the space of two months from the time they arrive on the ground unless sooner dismissed. And a letter sent to each of said brigadiers inclosing said orders, directing said brigadiers to order said men so to be raised to join in and form one regiment and march immediately and join said Genl Putnam.

The aforesaid orders sent by Col. Wm. Pitkin.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Council of Safety present, sent orders to Colo^{l} Ely forthwith to march with his regiment, except Lieut. Shipman, officered as when he marched to Providence, and join Maj^{r} Genl Putnam and act under his command till further orders; with orders to Commissary Hallam to provide such carriage as said Colo^{l} Ely should want to convey said regiment and their baggage, either by land or water as said Ely should direct. *This order sent by Lieut. Angel.*

Orders sent by his Excellency (with advice of the Council of Safety present) to Brigadier John Tylar, to send from his brigade by draft 115 men without delay, properly officered and equipped, 50 to be stationed at New London posts, thirty at the post at Groton, twenty at the post at Stonington, and 15 men to guard at Lyme at the usual post: all to serve two months from the time they arrive on the posts assigned them.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON THE 19TH OF NOVEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Genl Huntington.
Benjamin Huntington.
Nathl Wales jun^{r}.

Sundry orders issued agreed on yesterday.

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AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON THE 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Gen[l] Huntington.
Gen[l] Wadsworth.
N. Wales jun[r].

A permit or order given to the selectmen of Groton to receive at Dartmouth 58 bushels of the salt belonging to this State: said selectmen to pay the storage. *The order delivered to Thomas Mumford, Esq[r].*

Nov[r] 25, Thos. Mumford, Esq[r], apply'd to purchase a quantity of pig iron, offered such articles of goods in exchange as we might want, but no price proposed.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON THE 27TH OF NOVEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Gen[l] Huntington, Daniel Sherman,
Gen[l] Wadsworth, Maj[r] Hillhouse,
Nath[l] Wales jun[r], Esq[rs].

Voted and resolved, That Ensign Seth Miner and the 15 men ordered by Brigadier Gen[l] Tylar to keep guard at Lyme be dismissed from said service; and ordered that the selectmen of Lime raise a guard when necessary.

Voted, That Colo[l] Henry Champion be and he is hereby appointed to put up with salt belonging to this State one thousand barrels of pork for the use of this State, and that he imploy such persons to assist him therein as he may judge suitable for that purpose.

Voted, To draw an order on the Committee of the Pay-Table in favor of Colo. Henry Champion for eight thousand pounds, lawful money, to purchase pork for this State. *Order deliver'd to Colo. Champion.*

Voted, To draw an order on Mr. Wm. Bull of Hartford, or the storekeeper there, to deliver the salt belonging to this State in their possession to Colo. Henry Champion to put up pork with for this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Gen[l] Huntington, Maj[r] Hillhouse,
Gen[l] Wadsworth, Nath[l] Wales jr.
Daniel Sherman,

Consulted sundry matters, and granted permits to 6 Natucket men, *viz:* Charles Coleman, Wm. Chadick, Peleg Cogswel, Thos. Clark, Prince Gardner, and Stephen Fish, to dispose of their cargoes of salt &c. agreeable to their manifests.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON THE 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Gen[l] Huntington, Maj[r] Hillhouse, } Esq[rs].
Gen[l] Wadsworth, Nath[l] Wales jun[r], }
Daniel Sherman, }

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Voted, To grant a permit, and a permit is hereby granted to Maj^{r} Clift of Plainfield and Oliver Coit of Preston, to sell about 19 or 20 fat cattle which they now have, agreeable to a manifest thereof this day exhibited to this Board: the same to be disposed of agreeable to the laws of this State.

Copy delivered to Capt. Coit.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer of this State, in favour of Capt. Jabez Perkins, for the sum of £490 13 2, it being the sum due to him as agent for the capturers of the sloop *Dolphin*, taken by the schooner *Spy* belonging to this State.

Nov^{r}, 1777, 29th. By the account exhibited to this Board by Capt. Jabez Perkins, agent for the captors of the sloop *Dolphin* taken by Capt. Niles, which account is sent for^{d} to the Committee of Pay-Table, it appears that

Said sloop *Dolphin* sold for	£1000	0	0
By sundrys sold by Capt. Niles	6	8	8
	£1006	8	8
Court fees and other expences paid out in case of sloop *Dolphin* by s^{d} Perkins.	25	2	4
Neat belonging one half to this State,	981	6	4
	£1006	8	8

This State purchased said sloop *Dolphin* at the price of £1000.

The account this day settled with Capt. Jabez Perkins as agent to the captors, and an order drawn on the Pay-Table directing them to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of £490 13 2, it being the sum due to the captors for the one half of s^{d} sloop. *Said order deliver'd to Genl Jabez Huntington.*

N. B. There was a quantity of wood taken on board said sloop, which was sold to Capt. Robert Niles, the one half of which belonged to this State and is said to be settled by Capt. Niles in the settlement of his accounts against this State with the Committee of Pay-Table and must be enquired into.

Voted, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to settle and adjust the accounts of Mr. Andrew Huntington of Norwich, for sundry services done for this State and for cloathing and other necessaries purchased (as commissary for this State) for the use of the soldiers belonging to the continental army, and draw on the Treasurer for the ballance they shall find due, and charge the United States in debt for such articles as were purchased for their use.

Copy deliver'd to Gen. Huntington.

Voted, That Colo Joseph Trumbull be directed and impowered to purchase in the State of the Massachusets Bay, or elsewhere, blankets and other coarse woollens, linings, stockings, shoes and hats, for the use of the State, to supply the continental army, to the amount of £5000, at the best rate he shall be able, and forward the same into this State at his discretion; and that he make diligent enquiry at what rate he may be able to purchase any quantities of the like goods, not exceeding the sum of £10,000. That he also enquire after bills of exchange on France or Carolina, the rate of exchange; that he likewise apply to Sam^{ll} Elliot jun^{r}, Esqr, after his account with the State, and advise relative to the two vessels of war, the *Oliver Cromwel* and *Defence*, belonging to this State, of their situation and circumstances, and

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direct that the *Defence* be rigged a ship, and immediately advise his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety thereof by express or otherwise and observe their further directions in the premises.

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull be and he is hereby appointed to purchase and put up 300 barrels of pork and 100 barrels of beef for the use of this State. The pork and beef to be put up at or near Roxbury with salt belonging to this State, and procure the hides to be tanned in this State for the use thereof, on the best terms he shall be able.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Paytable to draw on the Treasurer for five thousand pounds, in favour of Colo. Joseph Trumbull, to purchase blankets, coarse wollens, linens, stockings, shoes and hats, for the use of the State to supply the continental army.

Order d^d Colo. Trumbull Decem^r 1st, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Dan^ll Sherman, Wm. Hillhouse, Jas. Wadsworth, } Esq^rs.

Order given to the selectmen of New London to receive of Mr. Josiah Eliott at Bedford 98 bushels of salt. *Order d^d Mr. Hillhouse Decr 1st. 1777.*

Order given to the selectmen of Stonington to receive of Mr. Josiah Eliott at Bedford 90 bushels of salt.

Order d^d to Mr. Wm. Woodbridge Decem^r 1st, 1777.

Permit given to Elisha Scovil to transport from any part of this State four horseload of salt. 20 yards of plain cloath, and 20 yards of flannel, to Westmoreland, for the use of the inhabitants there.

Permit d^d to s^d Scovil Decr 1st, 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON THE 2D DAY OF DECEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Dan^ll Sherman, Wm. Hillhouse, Nath^ll Wales, James Wadsworth, } Esq^rs.

Permit given to Hez^h Crowell to sell or exchange 12 barrels of oil and guerry, 30 quintals of codfish, 250 caggs of lamp-black, and 145 bushels of salt in this State. *Permit d^d 2^d Decem^r, 1777.*

Prepared and forwarded dispatches to Congress and Genl Washington.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON THE 3D DAY OF DECEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Dan^ll Sherman, Nath^ll Wales, James Wadsworth, Wm. Hillhouse, Benjn Payne, } Esq^rs.

Order given to Capt. Sam^ll Mattocks to receive of Colo. Jeremiah Wadsworth a piece of woolen cloath in his custody, for the use of the continental army. *Order d^d Capt. Mattocks Decem^r 3^d, 1777.*

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Order given to Capt. Mattocks to receive of Mr. Payne the various articles of cloathing in his care taken from Peleg Hide of Norwich for the use of the continental army. *Order d^d 3^d Decem^r*, 1777.

Order given to Capt. Mattocks to deliver the cloathing referred to in the preceeding votes to the soldiers according to appraisal, taking their receipts, and deliver them to the paymasters of regiments or respective captains, as per orders on file.

Rowland Luce of Rochester permitted to sell or exchange at a reasonable rate 55 bushels salt, 5½ gallons rhum and 1 quintal of codfish, for money, flour, beef, pork, butter, cheese or grain. *Permit d^d Decem^r 3^d*, 1777.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety holden in Lebanon, December 4th, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Benjn Payne, Dan^ll Sherman, James Wadsworth, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to cause the resolution of the Honble Continental Congress of the 1st of Nov^r, 1777, recommending the 18th day of December, 1777, to be observed as a day of public Thanksgiving thro' the United States, to be published with a recommendation of a due observance thereof in this State. *Sent the proclamation to Mr. Green to print.*

Sent a letter to Mr. Shaw to effect an exchange of Lt. Otway for Capt. Palmer and Wm. Brooks midshipman and a boy for proper persons.

Order given to the selectmen of Lyme to receive of Mr. Josiah Eliott at Bedford 68 bushels of salt. *Order d^d Mr. Hillhouse Decem^r 4th*, 1777.

Capt. Gidion Olmsted of Hartford permitted to transport on board the sloop *Seaflower* forty shoats to Martinique.

Permit given to Aaron Olmsted of Hartford to sell 2 hhds. rhum, 1 hhd. sugar, 100 *lb.* chocolate, 100 *lb.* coffee.

Permit d^d Aaron Olmsted Decem^r 4th, 1777.

Permit granted to Stone Mills to drive out of this State forty-six head of fat and lean cattle to the State of Massachusetts Bay.

Permit d^d Stone Mills 4th Decem^r. 1777.

Permit granted to Joshua Robinson of Tolland, to transport by land to the State of the Massachusetts Bay one firkin of butter, 600 *lb.* of cheese, 1000 *lb.* pork, and one tun of flour, to be exchanged for iron and salt.

Permit d^d 4th Decem^r, 1777.

Order given to the selectmen of Norwich to receive of Mr. Josiah Eliott at Bedford 122 bushels of salt belonging to this State.

Order d^d Genl Huntington 4th Decem^r, 1777.

Permit granted to Capt. Sylvanus Waterman to go to Jamaica to transact his business as a merchant, on parole. *Permit d^d 4th Decem^r*, 1777.

Permit given to Thos. Coffin of Martha's Vineyard to sell or exchange 28 bush. salt, 3 *c.* 3 *q.* 14 *lb.* sugar, 5 bar. liver oil, 14 gal. rhum, 25 *lb.* wool, 6 pair stockings and 6 pr. mittins, for 12 bar. flour, 4 bar. pork, 1 firkin butter, 400 *lb.* cheese, hogslard, tallow, and 20 bush. indian corn.

Permit d^d 4th Decem^r, 1777.

Resolved, That Mr. Elijah Hubbard be and he is hereby directed to forward with the utmost dispatch the cloathing provided by the several towns

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for the use of the soldiers belonging to this State in the continental army, and that he immediately send some proper person, by him to be appointed, to the several stores or other places where said cloathing has been lodged and direct him to forward the same with the utmost dispatch to the issuing commissaries to the respective regiments, to be by them delivered to the soldiers of the respective towns from whence such cloathing shall be sent, agreeable to former orders. And that there be one or more persons appointed in each county who shall be imployed forthwith to apply to the selectmen or committee of cloathing in each town in such county and cause to be immediately collected in such town the various articles of cloathing by them provided, and engage to such selectmen or committee of cloathing that they shall be allowed and paid by this State for the transportation of such articles of cloathing to the army as they shall think best to send forward on pack-horses or otherwise at the same rate as the articles of the like kind shall be transported by the commissary, they producing a receipt for such cloathing from the issuing commissary. And in case of neglect or refusal of such selectmen or committee to transport such cloathing as above, the person or persons appointed as above shall with the greatest application cause such cloathing to be sent to Middletown or such other place as Commissary Hubbard shall appoint, to be by him or the person by him appointed sent immediately to the army. And that Roger Hooker on the west side of Connecticut River, and Elijah White on the east side of Connecticut River in the county of Hartford, Thomas Lyman in the county of New Haven, Capt. John Cockran on the west side of Connecticut River and Capt. Nehemiah Waterman jun^r on the east side of Connecticut River in the county of New London. Wm. Hawley, Esq., in the county of Fairfield, Subael Abbe in the county of Windham, and Alexander Catlin in the county of Litchfield, be appointed for the purposes mentioned in this vote. and that they may appoint suitable persons under them, if need require, to assist in the premises.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Benjn Payne,
Dan^ll Sherman, James Wadsworth, } Esq^rs.
Wm. Hillhouse,

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull be and he is hereby directed to exchange beef and pork at Boston for salt sufficient to put up what provisions he is ordered to put up for this State for the purpose of victualling our navy there: provided he can exchange the same on reasonable terms.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is desired to draw an order in favour of Maj^r Nathaniel Ruggles of Roxbury, on Samuel Eliott jun^r, Esqr, agent for this State at Boston, for three hundred bushels of salt belonging to this State, for the purpose of putting up provisions for the armed vessels belonging to this State now fitting out at Boston: provided the same cannot be procured by way of barter as aforesaid.

Order d^d Mr. Trumbull 5th Decem^r, 1777.

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull be and he is directed, to pay the expence of returning the teams belonging to this State from New London to Lebanon, amounting to four pounds.

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Voted, That Major Andrew Adams be and he is hereby directed and impowered to inquire into the right Colo. Joshua Porter hath to the use and improvement of the barn and lot he occupies belonging to Mr. Richard Smith the owner of the furnace, lands and appurtenances, at Salisbury, and of the matters in dispute between Colo. Porter and the managers of the furnace in behalf of this State, and make report to the Governor and Council of Safety thereon.

Voted, That Colo. Henry Champion have an order on the store-keeper of salt belonging to this State at New London for 200 bushels of salt, to put up provisions for this State. *Order d^d Joel Jones jun^r 5th Decem^r*, 1777.

Voted, That Nath^n Hovey jun^r of Windham be permitted to transport by land from this State to the State of Rhode Island 40 bushels of indian corn, 20 bushels of wheat, 30 bushels of rye, 20 bushels of oats, to be exchanged for iron. *Permit d^d Esqr Simons 5th Decem^r*, 1777.

Voted, That Capt. Perkins receive a box of tea brought from Bedford to Lebanon as tho' he had rec^d at Bedford, and a small quantity of green tea brought from Boston to Lebanon as tho' he had rec^d it [at] Boston.

Resolved, That the ships of war, *Oliver Cromwell* and *Defence*, belonging to this State and now lying in the harbour of Boston, be immediately fitted out on a cruise against the enemies of this and the other United States of America, and that the captains of said ships of war be and they are hereby directed to inlist their crews with all convenient speed, in order to proceed on their respective cruises. And that the officers, marines and seamen on board said ships, while in said service, be under the rules, orders and regulations prescribed by Congress for the continental navy, relative to the government and well ordering the said ships and the officers, marines and seamen on board the same. And the said officers, seamen and marines, besides the provisions and their stipulated pay and wages, after all other necessary expences are discharged, shall be entitled to a division of one half of all their captures, whether ships of war, armed or other vessells, their cargoes and appurtenances, legally condemned as lawfull prizes, to be made agreeable to the rules and directions now given by Congress, and the other half to be and belong to this State.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, William Hillhouse,
Daniel Sherman, Benja. Payne,
Nathl Wales jun^r, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That Timothy Parker of Norwich be and he is hereby appointed Captain of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* belonging to this State; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to commission him accordingly.

Voted, That John Chapman of New London be and he is hereby appointed First Lieutenant of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* belonging to this State, under the command of Capt. Timothy Parker; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to commission said Chapman accordingly.

Voted, That John Smith of Hartford be and he is hereby appointed

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Second Lieutenant of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* belonging to this State; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to commission him accordingly.

Voted, That the Committee of the Pay-Table [be] and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of Wm. Lax of Norwich, for the sum of £35 9 0, that being the ballance due to said Lax for sundry services by him done for this State.

Order delivered to Genl Huntington.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON, DECEMBER 8TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Daniel Sherman, Benja. Payne, } Esq^rs.

Received this day a letter from Genl Parsons and returned an answer.

Also received a letter by express from Commissary Hubbard. Return'd an answer.

Wrote to Genl Putnam, requesting raw hides to be sent to this State to procure shoes for our soldiers in the continental army.

Permit granted to Zecha. Gardiner of Nantucket, to exchange in this State 133¼ gall. rum, 1 hhd. molasses, 13 bls. salt, 1 barrell of sugar, for flour, indian corn, beef, pork, flax seed, flax, 200 *lb.* cheese, 60 *lb.* butter.

Order drawn on the Pay-Table directing them to draw on the Treasurer, in favour of Capt. John Skinner of Hartford, for thirty pounds, L. money, to send to the detachment of light-horse from his company now in service with Genl Parsons.

Capt. Timothy Parker's commission made out and delivered to him.

And a form of an inlistment given to him, and another sent to Lt. John Smith at Hartford.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY DECEMBER 9TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jz. Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse, Danl Sherman, Benj. Payne, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Sundry matters agitated and consulted on.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY DECEMBER 10TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jz. Huntington, Benj. Payne, Danl Sherman, Benj. Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esq^rs.

A flag of truce was granted for the exchange of John Tully, a prisoner of war, for John Smith of Haddam at N. York, to be transacted by Aaron Isaacs.

Voted, That his Excellency Governor Trumbull be desired to write to Messrs. Otis and Andrews of Boston, requesting them to deliver to Col. Joseph Trumbull continental cloathing in their hands sufficient to cloath four thousand men, with trimmings crimson, scarlet, buff or light colours

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for lapells for the same, taking Col. Trumbull's receipt to get the same properly made up and transported to the army and delivered to the cloathier general or to the soldiers of this State, as Gen[l] Washington shall direct. Also to apply to them for a proper proportion of blankets, shirts, caps, shoes and stockings, to be forwarded as above.

Voted, That Col. Joseph Trumbull be and he is hereby appointed and impowered, to apply to Samuel A. Otis and Benjamin Andrews, Esq[rs], commissaries appointed to purchase cloathing for the continental army, and receive from them cloathing sufficient for four thousand men and give his receipt therefor and cause the same to be forwarded to this State by the teams sent to Boston for that purpose. And that he cause said cloathing to be made up as soon as may be; and for expediting the business, that said cloathing be distributing to as many towns in this State as shall be necessary, where said cloathing may be speedily made up, and when accomplished that he forward the said cloathing either to the said cloathier general or to the issuing commissaries of the respective regiments belonging to this State, for the use of the non-commission officers and soldiers belonging to this State in continental service inlisted for three years or during the war, as General Washington shall direct, and take receipts for the same and make up their accounts of the whole expence of making and transportation &c., and apply to the aforesaid commissioners for payment of the same.

Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull be directed to procure and send forward to Boston twenty ox or horse teams with carts or sleds to bring such cloathing as Col. Joseph Trumbull has to send to this State and to be delivered in such places as he shall direct; and in case he shall not have sufficient to load said teams, the rest to be loaded with salt in the hands of Mr. Sam[l] Elliot jun[r].

A permit was given to George West of Tisbury, to exchange a quantity of salt, rum, wool &c. for country produce and the same transport to the State of Massachusetts Bay.

A like permit was given to Cleaveland of the same place.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety December 11th, 1777.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Dan[ll] Sherman, Benj. Payne, } Esq[rs].
Benj. Huntington,

A letter was prepared and sent by Mr. David Austin to New Haven in answer to some difficulty arisen there with regard to the people from Nantucket with goods for barter in this State.

Letters were prepared and sent to Boston to Col. Jos. Trumbull, instructing him to take continental cloathing from Messrs. Otis & Andrews, commissaries of clothing there, sufficient to cloath four thousand men from this State, in order to procure them to be made up as soon as possible and forwarded.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to grant licence to Mr. Caleb Huntington of Norwich, to distill from rye the spirit called Geneva, to supply the inhabitants of this State as far as he can: provided he retail the same at a reasonable price, not exceeding fifteen shillings per gallon, during the pleasure of the Governor and Council of Safety.

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Upon the memorial of Abiather Camp of New Haven, who is by order of the General Assembly confined at Eastbury; praying to be removed, either to his farm at North Branford, his house at Wallingford, or to the town of Glassinbury, as per memorial dated this day: Resolved by this Board, that the said Abiather Camp hath liberty to remove from the place of his present confinement to his said house in Wallingford, there to remain within the limits of the society where said house stands, untill further orders from the General Assembly or this Board, under the regulation of his present confinement.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY DECEMBER 16TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Nath[ll] Wales jr, Wm. Hillhouse, Benj. Huntington, } Esq[rs].

Advised, That his Excellency the Governor procure three hundred copies of the Articles of Confederation lately received from Congress, and order that the printer transmit one such copy to [the] selectmen of each town in this State as soon as possible, and the remainder to the General Assembly at their adjourn'd session at Hartford on the 8th day of January next.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY DECEMBER 22D, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jz. Huntington, Nath[l] Wales jun[r], Wm. Williams, Benj. Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esq[rs].

Voted, To draw on John Calder of Hartford for fifty bushells of the salt that was imported in the vessell commanded by Capt. Stillman, to be delivered to the managers of the furnace at Salisbury, taking receipt.

Order d[d] to Mr. Henshaw Dec[r] 22[d], 1777.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY DECEMBER 27TH, 1777.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Nath[l] Wales jun[r], Wm. Williams, Benj. Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esq[rs].

Voted, That Capt. John Deshon be and he is hereby instructed to give order to transport to this State 200 bushels of the State's salt at Bedford by such conveyance by water as he judges most expedient, and also send to the Governor an account of what salt is on hand in Bedford belonging to the State.

Voted, That Nath[l] Shaw jun[r], Esq[r], be permitted to purchase the twenty nine-pounders belonging to this State now in Norwich, he also paying and saving this State harmless from all cost of transportation, freight, wharfage and other expences arising on said cannon since taken from the foundery at Salisbury.

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*Green's bill for the work is in *Rev. War*, x, 245. The copy in our archives, *id.* 85, is one of those printed at Lancaster, by Francis Bailey.

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Resolved, That the selectmen of Glassenbury be directed to supply the families of Serjeant Peter Peas, Samuel Dealing, William Smothirst and Benjamin Tucker, who are inhabitants of said town and soldiers inlisted into the continental army in a battalion under command of Col. Samuel Brewer of the State of the Massachusets Bay, with necessaries in the same manner as is by law provided for the families of soldiers inlisted into said army belonging to and in the service of this State, and that the extra expences thereof be born by this State and charged to the State of the Massachusetts Bay, and that notice thereof be given to the Honble Council or Assembly of said State, and if they should disallow the payment of such extra expence that they be requested to signify the same to his Excellency Governor Trumbull and give order for the release and discharge of said Peas, Dealing, Smothirst and Tucker, in order that they may be inlisted into one of the battalions of this State in continental service.

Voted, To give Mr. James Day, Lt. of marines of the ship *Oliver Cromwell*, an order on the Pay-Table for £120 0 0, for the purpose of recruiting men for service on board said ship: He to be accountable.

Order d^d to Mr. Day Decr 27th, 1777.

His Excellency the Governor laid before the Board a letter of the 23^d inst. from his Honor the Governor and Council of War of the State of Rhode Island, setting forth the great danger the town of Providence is in from the ships of war in the harbor of New Port and the army of the enemy there, and that they have good intelligence that a body of 750 men are prepared and about to embark with design, as supposed, to burn the said town of Providence and destroy the frigates lying unarmed there, and that term of the troops now there will expire the 1st of January next, and earnestly pressing for the aid which they alledge is stipulated by this State for their defence and which they have ever stood in need of, but at no time so much as the present &c., as per letter on file.

This Board, taking into consideration the aforesaid request and the circumstances of the case, are of opinion and do resolve, that five hundred men, officers included, be forthwith detached from the 1st and 5th brigades of militia in this State, and proceed to Providence without delay, under the command of one colonel and one major: said 500 to consist of 5 companys of 100 men each, officers included, to be properly officered out of the militia officers by designation of the respective brigadiers, and that four hundred of said men be detached (according to law) from the 5th brigade under the command of Brig. Gen. Douglass, and the two field officers to be designated by him, and also the necessary officers of the respective companys; and that one hundred be detached as aforesaid from the 1st brigade under the command of Brig. Gen. Eras. Wolcot, and the proper officers to be designated by him, and all to march properly armed and accoutred, under the command of said field officers, to said Providence, to be under the command of the Honble Maj. Genl Spencer or the commander in chief on that station, and to serve for the term of two months from and after their arriving at the place of destination, unless sooner discharged. And said officers and men to be intitled to the pay, wages, rations and encouragements by law allowed, and that the present circumstances of the case, on account of the dearness of the necessaries of life, be laid before the Hono. General Assembly at their approaching session and be recommended to their just and equitable consideration.

And adjourned without day.

N. B. The orders were sent to the brigadiers accordingly on the 29th.

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AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HOLDEN AT HARTFORD BY ADJOURNMENT ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF JANUARY, BEING THE EIGHTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, ANNO DOMINI 1778.

Present:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*
The Honble Matthew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Roger Sherman, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr, } *Assistants.*
Oliver Wolcott, Esqr,
Samuel Huntington, Esqr,
Richard Law, Esqr,
William Williams, Esqr,

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benja. Payne, for Hartford.
Gener^{l} Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Benoni Olcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Ezekiel Williams, Colo. John Chester, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Benja. Talcott, for Bolton.
Doct^{r} Neziah Bliss, Mr. Elijah Kellogg, for Hebron.
Colo. Noah Phelps, Capt. Amasa Mills, for Symsbury.
Mr. Titus Hosmer, Colo. Comfort Sage, for Midletown.
Mr. Abiel Holt, for Willington.
Colo. Isaac Lee, Mr. John Treadwell, for Farmington.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Mr. Ebenezer Gay, for Stafford.
Colo. Samuel Chapman, Mr. Ichabod Griggs, for Tolland.
Colo. Henry Champion, Maj^{r} Elias Worthington, for Colchester.
Doct^{r} Alexander Wolcott, Capt. Edward Griswold, for Windsor.
Capt. Nehemiah Brainerd, Mr. Ezra Brainerd, for Haddam.
Colo. Dyer Throop, Colo. Jabez Chapman, for East Haddam.
Colo. Nathaniel Terry, Mr. Peter Reynolds, for Enfield.
Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Mr. Ebenez^{r} White, Colo. John Penfield, for Chatham.
Maj^{r} Abiel Pease, for Somers.
Capt. Simeon Sheldon, Capt. Abraham Granger, for Suffield.
Mr. Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, for New Haven.
Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. Eliphalet Hotchkiss, Capt. Thomas Clark, for Derby.
Gener^{l} James Wadsworth, Mr. Elnathan Camp, for Durham.
Capt. Isaac Miles, Mr. Gideon Buckingham, for Milford.
General Andrew Ward, Mr. John Burgiss, for Guilford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brunson, for Waterbury.

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Mr. David Brooks, Colo. Street Hall, for Wallingford.
Maj^r William Hillhouse, Mr. Winthrop Saltonstall, for New London.
Capt. Elijah Backuss, Capt. Elisha Lathrop, for Norwich.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Mr. Daniel Redfield, for Killingworth.
Capt. Samuel Shipman, Mr. William Lynde, for Saybrook.
Capt. Jeremiah Halsey, Mr. David Adams, for Preston.
Maj^r Charles Phelps, Mr. Paul Wheeler, for Stonington.
Mr. John Lay 2^d, Capt. Samuel Ely, for Lyme.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Colo. Nathan Gallup, for Groton.
Capt. Samuel Squire, Maj^r Elijah Abel, for Fairfield.
Capt. Caleb Baldwin, Mr. Henry Peck, for Newtown.
Mr. John McKay, for Greenwich.
Mr. Samuel Cook Sylliman, for Norwalk.
Mr. Samuel Hungerford, Mr. Alex^r Stewart, for New Fairfield.
Capt. Silvanus Knapp, Capt. Isaac Lockwood, for Stanford.
Capt. Daniel Judson, Capt. Abraham Brinsmade, for Stratford.
Mr. Nathan Olmsted, for Ridgfield.
Maj^r Eli Mygatt, for Danbury.
Mr. Seth Sanford, for Redding.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, Mr. Nathaniel Wales, for Windham.
Mr. David Payne, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Mr. Hezekiah Green, for Killingley.
Colo. Jeremiah Mason, Mr. Beriah Southworth, for Lebanon.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edmund Freeman, for Mansfield.
Colo. Samuel McLellan, Capt. Nehemiah Lyon, for Woodstock.
Capt. Jedidiah Fay, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Capt. John Weld, for Pomfrett.
Capt. Ebenez^r Kingsbury, Capt. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.
Capt. James Bradford, Mr. Joseph Shepard, for Plainfield.
Colo. James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Maj^r Andrew Adams, Mr. Jedidiah Strong, for Litchfield.
Mr. Uriel Holmes, for Hartland.
Mr. James Pardy, Mr. Joseph Lord, for Sharon.
Maj^r Jethro Hatch, Capt. Joseph Carter, for Kent.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Capt. Asaph Hall, for Goshen.
Capt. Samuel Forbs, Mr. Asahel Bebee, for Canaan.
Colo. Joshua Porter, Capt. Abiel Camp, for Salisbury.
Capt. John Willson, Capt. Daniel Catlin, for Harwington.
Mr. Abner Marshall, for Torrington.
Capt. Giles Pettibone, Mr. William Walter, for Norfolk.
Capt. Thomas Porter, Mr. Judah Kellogg, for Cornwall.
Colo. Benja. Hinman, for Woodbury.
Mr. Samuel Comstock, for New Milford.
Capt. Aaron Austin, Capt. Noah Kellogg, for New Hartford.
Mr. Isaac Tripp, for Westmoreland.

Titus Hosmer, Esqr, Speaker,
Benjamin Payne, Esqr, Clerk, } of the House of Representatives.

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An Act in Addition to an Act made and passed by this Assembly at their Session in August, 1777, entituled An Act in further Addition to a Law of this State entituled An Act for the Direction of Listers in their Office and Duty.

Whereas by said act the civil authority and selectmen in the respective towns or other persons specially appointed by the town for that purpose, or the major part of them, shall be assessors, who together with the listers shall according to their best judgment assess all traders, and others mentioned in said act, for their faculties at the amount of their clear annual profits, and add the same to their list of polls and rateable estate at times appointed by law: but if any person shall think [him] oppressed or aggrieved by such assessment, no way or method for relief is by law provided, which may prove inconvenient:

Therefore, be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That if any person shall make application to the assessors by whom he is assessed to reconsider such assessment they may, at the cost of such person, reconsider the case, and if on full hearing they shall find such person is overcharged they shall make proper abatement thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person who shall have money at interest more than he pays interest for, or cattle or sheep let out on loan, shall neglect or refuse to put the same into his list, the listers shall add fourfold to the list of such person for every such neglect.

Be it further enacted, That the rates and taxes on the general list of estate for the year past, which have been laid or shall be laid on the polls of the officers and soldiers from this State engaged and serving for three years or during the war in the continental army, be abated; and the civil authority and selectmen in the several towns are impowered and directed to abate the same accordingly.

And be it further enacted, That for the future the polls of such officers and soldiers be exempted from the list during their continuance in service.

An Act in further Addition to an Act entituled An Act in further Addition to the Law of this Colony entituled An Act for providing and regulating of Jurors in Civil Actions.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future there shall be annually chosen and appointed twenty jurymen within and for the town of Fairfield; and that there shall be annually chosen and appointed eight jurymen in and for the town of Enfield, Suffield and Bolton, respectively, and six jurymen within and for the town of Norfolk, in the same manner as in and by said former act jurors are required to be chosen and appointed.

An Act enabling the Civil Authority and Selectmen in the several Towns within this State to appoint Barrack-Masters within said Towns.

Whereas it may frequently happen during the course of the present war, that the continental troops and militia within this State may be ordered into the several towns in this State, either for winter

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quarters or for defence of such towns, whereby it may become necessary that some suitable person be appointed in the respective towns as a Barrack-Master, to provide barracks or houses fit and proper for the reception of such troops:

Therefore, be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That whenever any corps of the continental forces or militia within this State shall be properly ordered into any town within this State, either to take up winter quarters or for the defence of such town, the civil authority and select men of such town, on application to them made by the commanding officer of such corps for barracks as aforesaid, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to appoint some proper person in such town a barrack-master, to provide barracks or houses suitable for the reception of such troops, who shall immediately take up such house, houses or parts of houses, shops, stores or other buildings as may be necessary for the accommodation of such troops, taking the advice of the civil authority and selectmen of such town therein. And in case such buildings cannot be procured by such barrack-master with the consent and approbation of the owner or owners thereof, then it shall be the duty of such barrack-master to apply to any one assistant or justice of the peace within such town for a warrant to impress such house, houses or other buildings for the purpose aforesaid, who is hereby authorized and directed to grant such warrant directed to some proper officer, commanding him to impress such buildings as aforesaid, and upon return made of such warrant to the authority who granted the same said authority is impowered and directed to tax all the cost that shall have arisen thereon.

This act to continue in force till the rising of this Assembly in May next, and no longer.

Whereas it is recommended by Congress to the respective States to cause subscriptions to be opened under the inspection of some suitable person or persons in each town for supplies for the war on loan-office certificates, specifying the names of the lenders and the sum they are willing to lend, and that copies of such subscription-papers shall from time to time be delivered to the respective commissioners of the continental loan-offices and by them transmitted to Congress: provided that no certificate shall issue for less than two hundred dollars: Which recommendation is approved by this Assembly: and in order to carry the same into execution,

Resolved, That Colo. Hezekiah Wyllys in the town of Hartford, Capt. Aaron Bissell in the town of East Windsor, Joseph Webb in the town of Weathersfield, Elijah White in the town of Bolton, Neziah Bliss in the town of Hebron, Daniel Humphry in the town of Symsbury, Chauncey Whittlesey in the town of Midletown, Ebenezer Heath in the town of Willington, Samuel Smith in the town of Farmington, Capt. John Phelps in the town of Stafford, Eleazer Steel in the town of Tol-

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land, Jonathan Deming in the town of Colchester, Henry Allyn, Esqr, in the town of Windsor, Hezekiah Brainerd in the town of Haddam, Silvanus Tinker in the town of East Haddam, Eliphalet Terry in the town of Enfield, William Wells, Esq. in the town of Glastonbury, Jonathan Penfield in the town of Chatham, John Prentice in the town of Somers, Alexander King, Esqr, in the town of Suffield, Samuel Bishop, Esqr, in the town of New Haven, Samuel Barker, Esqr, in the town of Branford, Joseph Pickett in the town of Derby, Elnathan Camp in the town of Durham, Gideon Buckingham, Esqr, in the town of Milford, Samuel Brown, Esqr, in the town of Guilford, Capt. Ezra Brownson in the town of Waterbury, Caleb Hall, Esqr, in the town of Wallingford, Thomas Shaw in the town of New London, Rufus Lathrop, Esqr, in the town of Norwich, Capt. Nathan Griswold in the town of Killingworth, Doct^{r} Samuel Field in the town of Saybrook, Roger Sterry, Esqr, in the town of Preston, Peleg Cheeseborough in the town of Stonington, William Noyes, Esqr, in the town of Lyme, Charles Eldridge jun^{r} in the town of Groton, Nathan Bulkley, Esqr, in the town of Fairfield, Amos Mead, Esqr, in the town of Greenwich, Caleb Baldwin, Esqr, in the town of Newtown, Doct^{r} Thaddeus Betts in the town of Norwalk, John Page in the town of New Fairfield, Samuel Hutton in the town of Stamford, John Brooks in the town of Stratford, Stephen Smith in the town of Ridgfield, Colo. Joseph Platt Cook in the town of Danbury, Lemuel Sanford, Esqr, in the town of Redding, Samuel Gray, Esqr, in the town of Windham, John Felch in the town of Canterbury, Capt. Samuel Larned in the town of Killingley, John Clark, Esqr, in the town of Lebanon, John Salter, Esqr, in the town of Mansfield, Jedidiah Moss, Esqr, in the town of Woodstock, Isaac Perkins in the town of Ashford, Colo. Ebenezer Williams in the town of Pomfret, Capt. Jeremiah Ripley in the town of Coventry, Elisha Perkins in the town of Plainfield, Colo. James Gordon in the town of Voluntown, Abner Sessions, Esqr, in the town of Union, Timothy Skinner in the town of Litchfield, Nehemiah Andruss, Esqr, in the town of Hartland, Maj^{r} Ebenezer Gay in the town of Sharon, Eliphalet Comstock in the town of Kent, Ephraim Starr in the town of Goshen, Abiel Fellows in the town of Canaan, Hezekiah Fitch in the town of Salisbury, Daniel Catlin, Esqr, in the town of Harwington, Deacon John Whiting in the town of Torrington, Titus Ives in the town of Norfolk, Judah Kellogg in the town of Cornwall, Israel Stoddard in the town of Woodbury, Thomas Hayes in the town of New Milford, Joseph Merrells 2^{d} in the town of New Hartford, Isaac Tripp in Westmoreland, be and they are hereby severally appointed, impowered and directed, to open subscriptions in the respective towns to which they belong, agreeable to and for the purpose recommended as aforesaid; and that they begin the same as soon as may be, notifying the inhabitants, keeping an exact account and register of the names of the lenders and the sums by them respectively lent, and to transmit from time to time to the commissioner

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of the continental loan office in this State copies of each subscription paper, and also receive such sums of the lenders, lodge the same with said commissioner of loan office, for which they shall procure loan office certificates in favour of the lenders, and the same deliver over, for which they shall be allowed by this State one quarter *per cent.*

And be it further resolved, That the several persons herein appointed shall be supplied with printed copies of the several resolutions of Congress respecting the continental loan offices.

Whereas the General Assembly at their present session have appointed Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esqr, of New Haven, to open subscriptions for supplying the continental loan office in this State, receive the monies and lodge the same in said office: Upon his request to be released therefrom,

Resolved by this Assembly, That said Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esqr, be released and David Austin, Esqr, of New Haven is hereby appointed in his stead.

Whereas it is important that the battalions raised by this State to serve in the continental army be speedily filled up, and the most just, equitable and expeditious manner to compleat the same will be for each town to raise the quota already assigned them by his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety for filling up said battalions on the 12th day of April last,

Resolved by this Assembly, That said battalions be filled up by voluntary inlistment for the term of three years, during the war, or untill the first day of January next. That if a sufficient number cannot be inlisted by the 20th day of February next, that the residue shall be raised by a peremtory detachment of able-bodied effective men, liable by law to do military duty out of this State, from such towns as have not compleated their quota of men to serve in some of said battalions untill the first day of January next unless sooner discharged; which number to be detached as aforesaid shall be apportioned out among the several companies of alarm list and militia who have not compleated their quota, by the field officers of the regiments to which said companies respectively belong, regard being had to the number of suitable and proper persons in each company who have not contributed their proportion towards filling up said battalions, in such manner as that perfect justice may be done among said companies as near as possible according to their best judgment and discretion, and the commanding officers of said companies to observe the same in making said particular detachments so that equal justice may be done among the individuals of such companies; and in case any persons shall happen to be injured by any such detachment, it shall be in the power of the commanding officer of the regiment to which such person belongs to hear and determine the same, and to give order for a new draught or not as occasion shall require. And any soldier who shall inlist to serve in said battalions untill the first day of January

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next shall receive as a bounty £5 6 8, and be intituled to the same wages and refreshments as the continental troops raised by this State receive. That if any captain or commanding officer of any company shall wilfully neglect to detach his quota of men according to this act, he shall forfeit and pay a fine of twenty pounds for each man he shall neglect to detach of his quota, and also be cashiered; and the colonel or commanding officer of such regiment shall order and direct some other proper officer in his regiment to make such detachment to fill up such quota wanting until the same be compleated: such fine to be collected by warrant from the brigadier in whose brigade such officer neglecting belongs, and to be disposed of for the purpose of filling up said battalions. That the commanding officers of companies shall make return of the names of the soldiers who shall inlist or be detached as aforesaid from their respective companies, distinguishing such as inlist for the several terms aforesaid or are detached, as also the names of all such soldiers as are now in the continental service with the town to which they belong, to the commanding officer of the regiment to which they belong, respectively, by the first day of March next, which commanding officers of regiments shall make return of the same to the commanding officers of the respective brigades to which they belong, by the tenth day of March, who shall make return thereof to his Excellency the Governor, by the 20th day of March next. And it shall be the duty of the several recruiting officers in each brigade, to furnish themselves with the returns in their respective brigades by applying therefor to their respective brigadiers or the commanding officer in each regiment, and to cause said soldiers so inlisted or detached to join the army as soon as his Excellency the Governor shall direct; and such soldier shall have liberty to join any company in any battalion he shall choose that is not full. And if any soldier detached as aforesaid shall within ten days after such detachment voluntarily inlist, he shall receive the same bounty and encouragement as those who first inlist. And in case the person so detached shall within ten days after procure an able-bodied effective man to inlist in his stead, the person so inlisting shall receive the same bounty and refreshment as aforesaid, and the person so procuring him to inlist shall thereupon be discharged. And all persons inlisted or detached as aforesaid and not duly discharged shall be considered as soldiers duly engaged in the continental army and treated accordingly.

This Assembly taking into consideration an earnest recommendation of Congress to this and the rest of the United States to procure further supplies of cloathing for the comfortable subsistance of the officers and soldiers of the respective battalions, and judging it reasonable, just and necessary, that the same should be complied with on the part of this State:

Be it therefore resolved and ordered by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of

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the same, That every town in this State, by their selectmen or committee appointed for that purpose, be and they and every of them are directed and required to procure as soon as may be, and within the time herein limited, the several articles of cloathing for the use of the soldiers of the continental army belonging to this State, that is to say: One hunting-shirt or frock, two linen shirts, two pair of linen overhalls, one pair of stockings and two pairs of good well made shoes, for each officer and soldier of the quota of such town as stated by the Governor and Council of Safety in April last, and also half as many blankets; all the said articles except the blankets to be delivered to either of the purchasing commissaries in the respective counties in this State on or before the first day of June next, taking their receipt for the same, and the blankets to be delivered in like manner by the 20th day of September next. And said commissaries are directed to receive and safe keep said cloathing, subject to the orders of this Assembly or in their recess of the Governor and Council of Safety. And the said Governor and Council of Safety in such recess are authorized to order and send forward as occasion shall require the said cloathing or any part thereof, to and for the use of the soldiery as aforesaid, and to appoint any proper person or persons to dispose and deliver such articles to the officers and soldiers of this State in said army, in such proportion as the general officers of this State commanding in said army shall direct, and at such reasonable prices as shall be assessed by the cloathier general or his deputy, and be in just proportion to the wages of such officers and soldiers, and the surplus of the cost to be charged to the United States, and to take duplicate receipts for such articles delivered as aforesaid, one of which shall be delivered to the Committee of Pay-Table of this State. And the said towns, or committees by them appointed for procuring the same, are to transmit an account of their doings and the expences of such purchases to the General Assembly, which shall be paid out of the treasury of this State as shall be stated by said Assembly. And in case said cloathing or any articles thereof cannot be otherwise procured, the committee appointed by such town to procure the same shall apply to any one assistant or justice of the peace within their respective precincts for a warrant, which said authority are hereby impowered to grant, for impressing from any person or persons who can conveniently spare the same, to be adjudged by said committee, any of the articles aforesaid, which being so impressed, unless the value be agreed by the owner and said committee, shall be apprized by three indifferent persons to be under oath for that purpose, said persons being such as have taken the oath of fidelity to this State: one to be chosen by the owner of such articles, one by said committee, and one by the officer serving said warrant; and in case such owner shall neglect to choose such apprizer the same shall be chosen by said officer; and the cost arising upon such warrant, being taxed by the authority granting the same, shall be paid by the owner or owners of

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said articles, provided the same be not apprized at a greater sum than had been offered by said committee, and may by them be deducted out of the price of said articles and the remainder be paid to the owner in full satisfaction for the same: otherwise said costs to be paid by said committee and charged in account with said articles and transmitted therewith to said Assembly, and shall be paid as aforesaid. And if any town in this State shall neglect to comply with the foregoing resolve by the time and times and in manner as aforesaid, they and each of them shall be assessed by the General Assembly in such sum as shall be judged just and reasonable.

Whereas in and by a resolve of the Honble Continental Congress of the 22^{d} November, 1777, it is recommended to the legislatures of the respective States of New Hamshire, Massachusets, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, respectively, to appoint Commissioners to convene at New Haven in Connecticut on the 15th day of instant January, in order to regulate and ascertain the price of labour, manufactures and internal produce, and commodities imported from foreign parts, military stores excepted, and also to regulate the charges of innholders &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Roger Sherman, William Hillhouse, and Benjamin Huntington, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners on behalf of this State, to meet the Commissioners of other States at said New Haven as proposed, and consult with them on the subject matters of said resolve of Congress, and make report of whatever they may judge fit to be done to this Assembly for approbation, that suitable measures may be pursued thereon.

Resolved by this Assembly, That for the defence and protection of the sea coasts of this State, there be forthwith raised by a voluntary inlistment, to serve untill the first day of January next unless sooner discharged, the several companies to be kept and stationed as follows: *viz:* Two companies to consist of fifty men each, including for officers one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one lieutenant fire-worker, two serjeants and two corporals, which companies are to do the duty and service of artillery men or matrosses, so much or so far as may be necessary in their station and as the circumstances of the case may be, and when not incompatible with that service to do such other duty of soldiers as shall be reasonably required of them by their officers or commander in the station; which companies are to be stationed at New London, Groton and Stonington, in such manner as his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety shall direct. That there be raised one company, to consist of twenty men including one serjeant and one corporal under the command of a lieutenant, to be stationed at Saybrook. That there be raised one company, to consist of twenty-four men including one serjeant and one

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corporal under the command of a lieutenant, to be stationed at New Haven. That there be raised one company, to consist of twenty men including one serjeant and one corporal under the command of a lieutenant, to be stationed at Milford. That there be raised one company, to consist of twenty-four men including one serjeant and one corporal under the command of a lieutenant, to be stationed at Fairfield. That there be raised one company, to consist of twenty-four men including one serjeant and one corporal under the command of a lieutenant, to be stationed at Norwalk. That there be raised one company, to consist of twenty-four men including one serjeant and one corporal under the command of a lieutenant, to be stationed at Stamford. That there be raised one company, to consist of twenty-four men including one serjeant and one corporal under the command of a lieutenant, to be stationed at Greenwich. And as an encouragement for able-bodied and effective men freely to engage in said service for the term and at either of the places aforementioned, it is resolved and ordered, that the officers and soldiers shall be intituled to and have and receive the same pay and allowance as was made to the officers and soldiers in the like service the last year. And as a further encouragement, each non-commission officer and soldier who shall furnish and provide for himself a good and sufficient blanket shall have as a reward twelve shillings and retain the blanket at the end of the service; and such non-commission officer and soldier who shall provide himself a good fire-arm, bayonet, cartouch box and accoutrements, to the acceptance of the chief officer, shall receive as a premium the sum of ten shillings and also the sum of six pence *per diem* for billeting money from the time of inlistment untill he receive provisions from the State and shall have one months advanced pay on his inlisting. And said officers are carefully and diligently to attend the duty of their respective offices and places in their several posts for the best protection of the respective towns and places where they shall be stationed, and shall be liable to be removed on any special emergencies for the relief of any place on the sea coast of this State, by order of this Assembly or in their recess of the Governor and Council of Safety, when any such place shall be attacked or in danger of being attacked. And it is further resolved, that his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety be impowered and directed to nominate and appoint the commission officers of the respective companies of artillery men or matrosses herein ordered to be raised for the defence of the sea coasts.

Resolved by this Assembly, That General Andrew Ward be and he is appointed one of the committee for revising the militia laws of this State, in the room of General James Wadsworth excused.

Whereas the listers for the town of Reading for the year 1775 neglected to send in to the Assembly the single and fourfold addition for

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said year by the time limited by law, and having now sent in the same the simple addition is £225 15 0, the fourfold is £101 0 0, as appears by the return of the listers for said Reading for the year 1775, now sent in to this Assembly: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby ordered and directed to send forth his warrant to collect the sums of the rates arising on said sum in the year 1775, being £326 15 0.

This Assembly do appoint Andrew Adams Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate in the district of Litchfield during the absence of the Honble Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, out of this State, untill the first day of June next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Elisha Lathrop, Capt. Caleb Baldwin, and Colo. Ebenezer Norton, be and they are hereby appointed and added to the gentlemen committee appointed by this Assembly at their session at Hartford in October last to revise the militia laws of this State and prepare a bill &c., and report the same to the then next Assembly.

Whereas the towns of New Milford, New Hartford and Willington, have neglected to return a sum total of the list of the poles and rateable estate of said towns and the assessments of the traders and tradesmen &c., according to law: Therefore it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said towns of New Milford, New Hartford and Willington be doomed by this Assembly for their neglect of returning said list according to law. That the town of New Milford be doomed the sum of £30774. That the town of New Hartford be doomed the sum of £11772. That the town of Willington be doomed the sum of £11315 16 6; and that the several sums aforesaid respectively be set to said towns in the grand list for the year 1777; and the Treasurer of this State is hereby authorized and impowered to issue his warrant for collecting the rates and taxes that is or shall hereafter be laid on said list upon the inhabitants of said towns accordingly.

Whereas the public records of the town of Danbury was by the British troops burnt and destroyed, by which means the legal evidence of the titles to the lands of the inhabitants of said Danbury is entirely consumed, and in order that justice may be done to and among said inhabitants:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the selectmen of the town of Danbury shall, within two months after the rising of this Assembly, legally warn all the inhabitants of the town of Danbury that have a right by law to vote in town meeting, to meet at some day and place by them appointed, for the purpose of choosing a committee to survey and lay out all the highways and lands in said

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town to all persons now in possession of any lands in their own right or where there is no question or dispute as to the title of any person: and said committee chosen by said town for the purpose aforesaid shall make proper surveys of all the highways, and also lands in said town to the several persons now in possession where there is no dispute but that he is the proper owner of such lands in possession, and to take all proper methods the circumstances will admit of to come at the knowledge of the right each person hath to his lands, and in such surveys to bound out the lands, mentioning the meets and boundaries thereof and on whom it is bounded and what quantity it contains; and when said surveys are made and signed by said committee and recorded in the town records of said town and the same being done shall make a full and compleat title of said land to the owner or owners, and that attested copys thereof may be given in evidence in any court of record where the title of any such lands may hereafter be in question.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the county court in and for the county of Hartford that now stands adjourned to the first Tuesday of February next be further adjourned, and the same is hereby further adjourned, to the third Tuesday of said February; and all persons concerned are to take notice hereof and give their attendance accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all the causes and matters now depending in the superior court in this State in the county of Windham, which stand adjourned to the second Tuesday of January instant, be and the same are hereby ordered to be continued to the stated term of the superior court to be held at Windham on the third Tuesday of March next, to be then and there heard and determined; and that all parties concerned take notice and give their attendance accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the families of all the commission and staff officers belonging to the continental army below the rank of brigadier general in this State shall be provided for in the same manner and at the same prices as the non-commission officers and soldiers' families are already provided for, upon their depositing money for that purpose in proportion as follows, *viz:* For a field officer's family £24, for a captain, subaltern or staff officer's family £18 *per annum*, to be paid quarterly if required; and that the expence arising therefrom over and above the limited prices shall be paid by this State.

This Assembly do appoint General Wadsworth, Colo. Pitkin and Colo. Chester, a committee to receive, examine, adjust and settle, all accounts of the managers of the lead mine at Midletown and others, respecting the improvement of said mine for this State or by order of Assembly, and report make.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to write Congress on the peculiar situation and circumstances of the militia officers who were ordered from this State to join Maj^r General Putnam at Fishkill in October last, and request payment for the supernumerarys; and that his Excellency the Governor be further desired to write to General Putnam likewise to make a just and proper representation of the peculiar situation and circumstances of the said militia officers to the Continental Congress.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the officers and soldiers of the militia and levies belonging to the State of Connecticut now in actual service, or that have been in the immediate service of this State in the year 1777, be and they are hereby intituled to the same provision and allowance for their losses, expences &c., in the same manner and under the same regulations as has been heretofore granted and allowed in the premises in all respects to the officers and soldiers of the new levies and militia; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby directed to receive and adjust their accounts and draw orders for the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be desired as soon as may be to write to Maj^r General Gates, or other proper officer of the continental army, requesting that Colo. Nixon's regiment, now ordered to the town of Farmington for winter quarters, be removed and take quarters on the sea coast or western frontiers of this State at or near Horseneck; advising him a sufficient guard for securing the continental stores and artillery in said Farmington may be had from the militia of this State.

Upon the representation of Maj^r General Putnam and others, shewing to this Assembly the necessity of having the soldiers, artificers &c. belonging to the continental army, inoculated for the small pox, and praying for liberty to have some of them inoculated in some part of this State under the direction of Doct^r Isaac Forster, deputy director general of the hospital in the eastern department &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be and the same is hereby granted for the said Doct^r Isaac Foster to set up and carry on inoculation of said soldiers, artificers &c., inhabitants of this State or others belonging to either of the battalions raised in this State, untill the 25th day of May next, in such place or places within the town of Woodbury as shall be provided for that purpose by the civil authority and selectmen of said town, who are hereby authorized, impowered and directed, to make suitable provision for that purpose accordingly, agreeable to the directions given by the several statutes of this State providing in case of sickness; at continental expence, if thereto requested by said Doct^r Foster or his order; and that the several hospitals or places provided for the purpose aforesaid, with the persons

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who may be placed therein, doctors, tenders, and all others concerned in said business, be under the care, oversight and direction of said civil authority and selectmen, agreeable to the directions of the statutes aforesaid, who are hereby specially impowered and directed to conform themselves to the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the town of Union be and they are hereby directed to make up and exhibit the lists of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town for the year 1778 to the General Assembly of this State in their sessions in October next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are appointed, impowered and directed, to adjust and settle all accounts of moneys received and expended on services done for this State by any person or persons by order of his Excellency the Governor and the Council of Safety, and all accounts of moneys received on the Committee of Pay-Table's orders, and to draw upon the Treasurer for any ballance or ballances they shall find due on the same. And it is further resolved, that said Committee of Pay-Table be and they are directed to call upon every person who hath received moneys out of the State treasury by virtue of orders ordered to be drawn by his Excellency the Governor and the Council of Safety, and all moneys received or that shall be received on the orders of said Committee of Pay-Table whose accounts are not yet adjusted, to account with them for the expenditure of such monies and to receive any ballance that they shall find in their hands and pay the same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, which they shall immediately deliver to and lodge in the custody of the Secretary of this State.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissary of prisoners of war within this State be directed forthwith to take the most effectual care to secure and confine the prisoners of war subjects to the King of Great Britain or inhabitants of these States now within this State, either in prison ships, prisons or elsewhere, as in his opinion with the advice of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety shall be most for the safety of this State, agreeable to the orders he has received from Congress.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired, with the advice of the Council of Safety, as speedily as may be, to make every necessary provision of cloathing and refreshments for the officers and soldiers belonging to this State now in captivity in New York or Long Island or elsewhere, and to take the same parental care of those belonging to this State who may hereafter be so unfortunate as to fall under the power of the enemy from time to time as their necessitys may require.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That there be paid to Colo. John Pitkin the sum of thirty shillings, and to Colo. Elizur Talcott the sum of four pounds eighteen shillings, and to William Wells, Esqr, the sum of five pounds four shillings, and to Captain Daniel Skinner the sum of three pounds three shillings, L. money, being £14 15 0, in the whole, for their service in laying out a highway through the towns of Barkhemsted, New Hartford and Colebrook, on the memorial of Richard Smith and others; and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same.

Whereas this Assembly at their session in October last appointed Titus Hosmer, Esqr, and others a committee to confer with the Revd Corporation of Yale College on sundry important matters respecting the present situation of said college and report make &c., who have not yet conferred and reported, two of which committee are now absent: Therefore, this Assembly do appoint Charles Phelps, Elijah Abel, Esq^{rs}, and Maj^{r} Andrew Adams, in addition to the aforesaid committee, with the same powers and authoritys given and committed to them in the premises.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the supernumerary officers who have been ordered out with the militia and have received no pay, receive their full pay according to their rank during the time they were in service. And, in order to obtain the same, that the several captains or commanding officers of companies make up and deliver unto the colonel or commanding officer of the regiment in which they respectively served a pay-abstract therefor properly certifyed on oath, which said colonel shall make a regimental abstract properly certifyed, which abstract, after being examined and approved by the brigadier general under whom the said colonel or commanding officer served, shall be presented to the Committee of Pay-Table, who are hereby authorized and directed to inspect and adjust the same and draw order on the Treasurer of this State for such sum as they shall find due. And it is further resolved, that the horses, which were used by the militia who marched to the relief of that part of the continental army commanded by General Putnam at Peekskill in October last, shall be paid for at the rate of four pence per mile out, in lieu of mileage and expences, and that it be obtained in the same manner as the pay of the supernumerary officers as above resolved.

Whereas the late regiments raised by this State and commanded by Colo. John Ely and Colo. Roger Enos have been ordered out of this State and subjected to long and tedious marches and great expence: Therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of four pounds, money, be paid to each non-commission officer and soldier in said regiments as an additional bounty for their extra expences, and that the Committee of Pay-Table make a full settlement of the pay now due and bounty granted as aforesaid to said regiments for their

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services both in this State, and other States in America; and that the State Commissary for said regiments adjust and settle the rations due; and that the several captains in said regiments be and are appointed to receive the monies and pay the wages and bounty due to their respective companies, and that they be allowed one and half *per cent.* for all the monies they shall so receive and pay out as aforesaid; and that the United States of America be charged in debt for the sums that shall be paid said regiments for wages and rations while in service out of this State.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. John Belden, Esqr, to be Major of the sixth regiment of militia in this State, in the room of Jonathan Wells, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do establish Seth Deming to be Captain of the troop of horse in the fifth regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Hawkins Hart to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the fifth regiment of light-horse in this state.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Sloan to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Cook to be Captain of the alarm list company in the north society in the town of Hartford in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Knox to be Lieutenant of the alarm list company in the north society in the town of Hartford in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Austin to be Ensign of the alarm list company in the north society in the town of Hartford in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Theodore Parmely to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 5th regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Pomeroy jun^{r} to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Suffield, in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Smith jun^{r} to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Cande to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Lamberton Painter to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Gilbert to be Lieutenant of the 17th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Ford to be Ensign of the 17th company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Stone to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Smith jun^{r} to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Jabez Wright to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abel Phelps junr to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ichabod Wadsworth to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Ensworth to be Lieutenant of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Dyer to be Ensign of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Foster to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Kingsbury to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abijah Morehouse to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Jennings to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Albert Sherwood to be Lieutenant of the seventh company of the alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Wakeman to be Ensign of the 7th company of the alarm list in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Wakeman Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Bennet to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Morehouse to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah King junr to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Suffield in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joel Adams to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Suffield in the first regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Smith to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Smith to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Sanford to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Drakely to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Selah Norton to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 4th regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Augustus Fitch to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 4th regiment of horse in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Saul Albert jun^r to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 4th regiment of horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Wright to be Lieutenant of the second company of the alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Francis to be Ensign of the second company of the alarm list in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Elkanah Phelps to be Ensign of the north company or trainband in the town of Norfolk in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Whiting to be Ensign of the 5th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Lyon to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Bradley to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Scofield to be Captain of the 9th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Ashbel Porter to be Lieutenant of the 2d company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Clark to be Ensign of the second company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Comfort Hubbell to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Worcester to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Miles Beach to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 17th regiment.

This Assembly do establish Ichabod Miller jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Andruss to be Ensign of the 8th company of the alarm list in the 23d regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish James Bedlock to be Captain of the 1st company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Gray to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nehemiah Hull to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Barlow to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Norton to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Moses Shepard to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Thorp to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this State.

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On the memorial of Hemah Allyn and others against Capt. James Landon of the second company of militia in the town of Salisbury, complaining of his neglect of duty in his said office &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to issue a citation directed to a proper officer, to cite the said Capt. James Landon to appear forthwith as soon as may be before this Assembly to answer the complaint aforesaid and be dealt with as to justice shall be found to appertain. And the State's Attorney for the county of Litchfield is directed to prepare the evidence to support the facts in said memorial alledged, and lay the same before this Assembly.

Upon the complaint of Heman Allen of Salisbury and others, against James Landon jun^r of said Salisbury, captain of the second military company in said Salisbury, representing to this Assembly that said Capt. Landon has been guilty of a general neglect of his duty and has discovered a very great unfriendliness to the American cause &c., on which complaint a committee have been appointed who have made their report to this Assembly, in which they have found the general facts set forth in said complaint to be true, and thereupon give it as their opinion that the said Capt. Landon ought to be cashiered &c., as per memorial and report on file, which report is accepted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Captain James Landon jun^r be and he is hereby cashiered and ordered to pay the cost arisen in the premises, allowed by this Assembly to be £11 16 0, and that the Secretary be directed to issue an execution for the same accordingly. *Ex^n granted Jan'y* 29th, 1778.

Upon the complaint of Epaphras Sheldon, Esqr, colonel of the 17th regiment of militia, against Solomon Marsh of Litchfield, captain of the tenth military [company] in said regiment, for being guilty of a general neglect of the duties of his office, arising from an unfriendliness to the grand American cause &c., on complaint a committee have been appointed, who have made their report to this Assembly, in which they find the facts set forth in said complaint to be true, and give it as their opinion that said Capt. Marsh ought to be dismissed, as per complaint and report on file, which report being accepted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Capt. Marsh be and he is hereby dismissed from his said office, and also ordered to pay the cost arisen in the premises, allowed by this Assembly to be £23 9 5, and that the Secretary be directed to issue execution for the same accordingly.

Upon the information of the State Attorney for the county of Litchfield against John Marsh the 3^d of Litchfield, who is cornet of a troop of horse under the command of Capt. Moses Seymour of said

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Litchfield, for disobedience of orders, on which information a committee have been appointed who have made their report in which they find the truth of said complaint, and also find that lately the said Marsh has taken the oath of fidelity to this State and declares his willingness to risque his life and fortune in defence of the rights of America &c.; and upon the whole circumstances said committee give it as their opinion that, upon the said Marsh's paying all cost arisen in the premises, it would be advisable to dismiss said complaint, which report being accepted &c., as per complaint and report on file: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Marsh pay the cost arisen in the premises, allowed by this Assembly to be £8 14 5, and that the Secretary be directed to issue execution for the same accordingly, and that thereupon said complaint be dismissed.

Upon the complaint of Epaphras Sheldon, Esqr, colonel of the 17th regiment of militia in this State, against Mathew Grant of Torrington, lieutenant of the fifth company in said regiment, representing to this Assembly that the said Grant has been generally remiss and negligent in the duties of his office and has in some instances refused obedience to the orders of his superior officers &c., on which complaint a committee have been appointed who have made their report to this Assembly in which they find the facts stated in said complaint to be true, and thereupon gave it as their opinion that said Lieut. Grant ought to be dismissed from his said office, as per memorial on file, which report being accepted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Lieutenant Grant be and he is hereby dismissed from his said office and ordered to pay the cost arisen in the premises, allowed by this Assembly to be £12 5 0, and that the Secretary be directed to issue an execution for the same accordingly.

Ex^{n} granted Jany 29th, 1778.

Upon the complaint of John Lewiss jun^{r}, captain of a military company in the town of Waterbury, against Ira Beebe of said Waterbury, lieutenant of said company, for going off and leading off a number of said company from Fishkill in October last &c., on which complaint a warrant has issued against the said Bebee and a full hearing of said cause has been had: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Ira Bebee be dismissed upon his paying the cost that has arisen in the premises, which he has complied with.

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The Sums Total of the Lists of the Polls and Rateable Estate and Assessments of the several Towns hereafter mentioned returned to this Assembly in October, 1777, and January, 1778, and accepted, are as follow, viz:

	Lists & Assessments.	Fourfold Assessments.		Lists & Assessments.	Fourfold Assessments.
Hartford,	£54306: 17: 5.	£ 0: 0: 0.	Fairfield,	£49244: 10: 1.	£1758: 10: 0.
Windsor,	25042: 11: 7.	192: 8: 0.	Stratford,	53078: 12: 7.	0: 0: 0.
Weathersfield,	34839: 5: 6.	0: 0: 0.	Norwalk,	41457: 16: 9¼.	867: 4: 0.
Middletown,	49916: 6: 0.	0: 0: 0.	Stamford,	35333: 11: 10.	127: 4: 0.
Farmington,	70714: 11: 6.	2149: 16: 0.	Greenwich,	24183: 8: 2.	0: 0: 0.
Symsbury,	36299: 7: 0.	0: 0: 0.	Danbury,	27876: 10: 0¾.	3756: 9: 4.
Haddam,	15678: 7: 1.	67: 4: 0.	New Town,	22613: 13: 10.	1034: 0: 0.
East Haddam,	27308: 18: 0.	0: 0: 0.	Ridgfield,	17434: 16: 4.	1203: 6: 0.
Colchester,	33417: 8: 0.	1137: 8: 0.	New Fairfield,	14886: 3: 6.	885: 6: 0.
Hebron,	22620: 3: 0.	0: 0: 0.	Reading,	13036: 0: 0.	1820: 18: 0.
Glastonbury,	19777: 13: 11.	209: 12: 0.	Windham,	34720: 2: 0.	339: 4: 0.
Bolton,	11411: 17: 2.	96: 0: 0.	Lebanon,	40594: 18: 0.	257: 8: 0.
Suffield,	22265: 7: 0.	0: 0: 0.	Plainfield,	16018: 17: 6.	0: 0: 0.
Enfield,	14224: 12: 0.	96: 0: 0.	Canterbury,	22112: 3: 6.	100: 0: 0.
Stafford,	11174: 12: 0.	92: 0: 0.	Mansfield,	24808: 14: 0.	52: 0: 0.
Chatham,	23195: 11: 9.	166: 12: 0.	Coventry,	20915: 18: 8.	863: 0: 0.
East Windsor,	28338: 0: 0.	0: 0: 0.	Pomfret,	29519: 16: 5.	0: 0: 0.
Tolland,	14930: 3: 0.	270: 16: 0.	Killingly,	30323: 4: 5.	0: 0: 0.
Somers,	9410: 7: 0.	184: 4: 0.	Ashford,	20323: 14: 6.	0: 0: 0.
New Haven,	66267: 6: 3.	40: 0: 0.	Volentown,	14227: 18: 0.	0: 0: 0.
Milford,	29170: 8: 0.	0: 0: 0.	Woodstock,	23895: 5: 0.	196: 0: 0.
Guilford,	34052: 16: 4.	1160: 13: 4.	Litchfield,	28493: 6: 6.	0: 0: 0.
Branford,	22143: 2: 0.	0: 0: 0.	Woodbury,	61443: 8: 2.	136: 10: 0.
Wallingford,	52825: 17: 10.	0: 0: 0.	Harwinton,	9940: 0: 0.	623: 18: 0.
Derby,	17915: 1: 6.	0: 0: 0.	Hartland,	6361: 3: 6.	72: 0: 0.
Waterbury,	40455: 5: 3.	276: 2: 0.	Norfolk,	10002: 14: 2.	34: 0: 0.
Durham,	13575: 16: 4.	0: 0: 0.	Canaan,	17113: 8: 0.	0: 0: 0.
New London,	38564: 19: 8.	1521: 0: 0.	Salisbury,	21732: 6: 11.	0: 0: 0.
Norwich,	74904: 5: 11.	1107: 4: 0.	Kent,	18991: 3: 0.	0: 0: 0.
Saybrook,	28393: 10: 0.	250: 16: 0.	Sharon,	18291: 18: 0.	0: 0: 0.
Stonington,	37928: 13: 2.	107: 12: 0.	Cornwall,	11206: 8: 5.	228: 12: 0.
Killingworth,	22732: 5: 0.	0: 0: 0.	Goshen,	13625: 19: 6.	417: 4: 0.
Lyme,	27993: 10: 11.	2166: 8: 0.	Torrington,	10613: 2: 0.	0: 0: 0.
Groton,	26627: 12: 8.	504: 0: 0.	Westmoreland,	20322: 17: 0.	0: 0: 0.
Preston,	25200: 0: 2.	349: 12: 0.			

Upon the memorial of James Patchen, of Fairfield in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Mary Odle late of Fairfield, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £26 5*s.* 0*d.*, L. money, and that no provision is made for the payment thereof &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £26 5 0, L. money, and the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of John Norriss, administrator on the estate of George Barrows late of Toland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable inventoried part of said estate the sum of £78 7

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4, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £78 7 4, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £78 7 4, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Ralph Isaacs, preferred to this Assembly, shewing that he is executor of his father and brother's wills, that those estates as well as his own affairs suffer greatly by reason of his confinement, that he has taken the oath of fidelity to this State, has done much to promote the good of the United States and is desirous to continue his friendly endeavours for the safety of the country in a more extensive manner than he is able to in his present circumstances; praying to be set at liberty, as per memorial on file: Resolved, that said Ralph Isaacs be and he is hereby inlarged and set at liberty to pursue his business and concerns; any former resolve of Assembly notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Timothy Beach, shewing to this Assembly that by a sentence of the superior court at Fairfield last February he was ordered to be confined in Windham county goal for the term of one year then next, and also to pay a fine of twenty pounds, money, to the Treasurer of this State, and cost of prosecution taxed at £16 16 8; in consequence whereof the memorialist has been confined to said goal ever since the 14th day of March last; that he is willing to take the oath of fidelity to the State and render his personal service in its defence &c., and that his circumstances are low and his family in want of his assistance for their support; praying to be discharged from his said confinement and the said fine, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby released and discharged from his said confinement and the fine aforesaid, upon his giving his note to the sheriff of Windham county payable to the Treasurer of this State for the costs aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Eunice Stocking, of Glastonbury in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that on the 23d day of August last the powder-mill in said Glastonbury took fire and blew up; that her husband George Stocking and three of her sons, George Stocking junr, Hezekiah Stocking and Nathaniel Stocking, being at work in said house received in the explosion a fatal shock that in a few hours put a period to their lives; that the listers of said town thought themselves obliged to put the heads of her said husband and three sons into the general list of said town for the year 1777, by which means she is liable to heavy taxation; and praying for relief, as

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per memorial on fire: Resolved by this Assembly, that the heads of the said George Stocking, George Stocking jun^{r}, Hezekiah Stocking and Nathaniel Stocking, dec^{d}, be abated and the same are hereby ordered to be abated out of the general list of said town.

Upon the memorial of Abiather Camp, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he has long been confined by act of Assembly as a dangerous person, and that he has taken the oath of fidelity, and that the inhabitants of New Haven are willing he should return to his family: Resolved, that said Camp be permitted to return to New Haven, and that he be released from his confinement and all restraint by said act.

Upon the memorial of Samuel McClellan, of Woodstock in the county of Windham and State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that he commanded a regiment from this State in the expedition against Rhode Island, and that no part of their wages, mileage or rations have yet been paid; praying that the Committee of Pay-Table may be directed to adjust the accounts of said regiment and pay the same, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to adjust the accounts of the said regiment and draw on the Treasurer for the sums as they shall find justly due to said regiment for bounty, wages, mileage and rations, and charge the same to the United States of America. And the several captains in said regiment are hereby appointed pay-masters to their companys. And the Committee of the Pay-Table are directed to allow to said captains one and half *per cent.* commissions on all the moneys that they shall so receive and pay out to said companys.

Upon the memorial of Andrew Johonnot, Esqr, of Boston in the State of Massachusets, commissary general of forage for the eastern department, shewing that on the 16th of October last he contracted with Absalom Williams of Weathersfield for fifty tons of screwed hay for the use of the United States, to be spent at Springfield, at the price of seven pound ten shillings per ton, said Williams to transport said hay to Ware House Point, to be paid eighteen shillings per ton for freight besides the charges of carting, as by said written agreement, and that said Williams neglects and refuses to perform his contract, to the great detriment of the States, as per memorial on file: Resolved, that said Absalom Williams cause said hay to be delivered at said Ware House Point or other place on the road as near and convenient to Springfield as followeth, *viz:* Ten tons including what is already delivered in this month, the remainder of said fifty ton one half in February next, the other half in March next, and to be paid for transportation as specifyed in said contract, on pain of forfeiting and paying for the benefit of the United States the sum of three hun-

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dred pounds, L. money, in case he fail of delivering said hay or any part as above ordered.

Upon the memorial of Ephraim Strong &c., praying that certain persons who worship with the second society in Milford may be annexed thereto and exempted from paying taxes to the first &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that all persons who have come to dwell in the limits of said first and second societies since the constituting said second society, who have never had an opportunity to make their election, shall have liberty to make their election at any time before the first day of May next by enrolling their names with the town clerk of said town; and that for the future all such who shall come to inhabit within said societies, or shall come of age or become widows, shall have liberty to make their election to which society they will belong at any time within one year next after their coming to dwell within the limits of said societies, or coming of age or becoming widows as aforesaid, by inrolling their names as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of John Arlow, a native of Ireland, shewing to this Assembly that he transported himself and family consisting of a wife and one child to America in August, 1775, with a view to settle therein and prosecute the trade of making leather breeches, with which business alone he is acquainted, but that by reason of the war he is unable to procure leather or employment wherewith to subsist himself and family; praying for liberty to transport himself and family and effects to Ireland by the way of New York or otherwise, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, at his own expence to transport himself, his family and proper effects to Ireland, by the way of New York or other port; any law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Nathan Gates, of East Hadam in the county of Hartford, administrator on the estate of Daniel Gates late of said East Hadam, deceas'd, representing that the allowances to the widow and the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of East Hadam against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £22 5 7, money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay the same &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Nathan Gates be and he is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £22 5 7, money, and the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of East Haddam therein.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Lattimer jun^r and Mary Moses, administrators on the estate of Daniel Moses late of Symsbury,

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deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges exhibited and allowed by the court of probate and a small allowance made the widow of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £57 17 3, L. money; praying liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £57 17 3, with incident charges of sale &c.; as per memorial on file dated the 28th day of September, 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to sell so much of the said deceas'd's real estate as will raise the aforesaid sum of £57 17 3, L. money, with the incident charges of such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate in the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Mary Graves, of East Haddam in the county of Hartford, administratrix on the estate of Benjamin Graves late of East Hadam aforesaid, deceas'd, representing that the allowances to the widow and the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of East Haddam against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £86 18 8, money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay the same &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Mr. Joseph Beckwith of said East Haddam be and he is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £86 18 8, money, and the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of East Haddam therein.

Upon the memorial of Gurdon Wetmore, now a prisoner in the common goal in the county of Hartford by sentence of the superior court; praying for enlargement from his imprisonment, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that upon the said Gurdon Wetmore taking the oath of fidelity to this State and also becoming bound with sufficient surety to the Governor and Company of this State in the sum of £500 0 0, L. money, that he will be of peaceable and good behaviour and will not do or say any thing against this State or the United States of America during the term that he was sentenced to imprisonment by said superior court, and that he will not depart without the limits of said town of Midletown but remain and continue therein during the term aforesaid; that he thereupon be and he is hereby released and discharged from said goal, upon his paying or securing to be paid all the costs of his prosecution and imprisonment.

On the petition of David Washburn, of New Milford in the county of Litchfield, representing to this Assembly that he is a prisoner in the goal in the county of Fairfield under sentence of death for the crime of high treason,* and that the particular species of treason for

* Convicted at the superior court, Fairfield, 4th Tuesday of Nov., 1777.

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which he was condemned was the going on board of an armed brig belonging to the enemy and coming on shore from said brig to Stamford in the county of Fairfield with a number of men in arms against the people of this State; and also shewing that he went on board of said brig not with a design of taking up arms against his country, but was ordered on shore from said brig after having gone on board with the aforesaid design; and praying that mercy may be extended to him so far as to spare his life, as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the further consideration of said petition be continued and the same is hereby continued to the session of the General Assembly on the second Thursday of May next, and that execution of the sentence pronounced against the said David Washburn for said crime by the hon^ble superior court holden at said Fairfield in November last be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended untill the rising of said Assembly in May next.

Upon the memorial of Bartholomew Weatherill, shewing that his father and relations are now living in Great Britain, that his designs and views in coming to this country are like to be frustrated by the present unhappy war; praying liberty to return home again to his friends, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Bartholomew Weatherell upon his delivering on oath to Benjamin Payne, Esqr, of Hartford, all his goods, monies and securities for monies, who is hereby appointed to receive the same to be under the direction of the General Assembly of this State as hereinafter expressed, he the said Weatherell be and he is hereby permitted to return to Great Britain by the way of France or the West Indies, and to carry with him his necessary apparel and a sum of money not exceeding forty pounds, and to embark at such place or port not in possession of the enemy as his Excellency the Governor shall appoint and direct.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Harvey, of Lyme in New London county, administrator on the estate of John Harvey late of said Lyme, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said deceas'd at the time of his death surmounted the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of eighty pound four shillings and two pence, L. money; praying this Assembly to impower said administrator or some other meet person to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of £80 4*s.* 2*d.*, lawfull money, with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file dated Hartford, January 26th, 1778: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be impowered and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd John Harvey as shall raise the sum of eighty pounds four shillings and two pence, lawfull money, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of New London therein.

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Upon the memorial of Samuel Lord and David Morehouse of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that they are, each of them, now confined in Norwich goal for cost of prosecution; praying that they may be liberated from goal on giving their own security for said cost &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sheriff of the county of New London be and he is hereby ordered and directed to take of said Samuel and David their notes of hand for the sum or sums from each of them respectively due for the cost of their prosecution and confinement, payable to the Treasurer of this State, and thereupon permit them to return home to said Fairfield, there to remain under the care and inspection of the selectmen of said Fairfield.

On the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Norwich, by their agents Elijah Backus and Elisha Lathrop, praying for the revival of one certain act of this Assembly passed at their sessions held at Hartford in January, 1774, enabling said inhabitants to raise money by way of a rate for the purpose of mending the highways in said Norwich, which act was to continue in force for the term of three years from the first day of January, 1774, and no longer: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that said act be revived and the same is hereby revived, and to remain and continue in full force under the same regulations and restrictions as in said former act is provided, for and during the term of three years from the first day of January, 1778, and no longer.

Upon the memorial of Amos Richards, of Farmington in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776 he was a soldier in Capt. Mills company, Colo. Wyllys' regiment, at New York; that on or about the 20th day of July in said year he was ordered on guard at the Fly Market in said city; that in consequence of his officers orders, accidentally and without any default of his own, he lost his gun apprized at three pounds, lawfull money, which he was never after able to find; that in the year 1777 he was a soldier at Peekskill, and about the time of his discharge, on or about the first day of January last, his cartouch box was taken from him and lodged in the public stores, and that being sick he was unable to recover his property, and praying relief in the premises as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to adjust the account of the memorialist and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as shall be found justly due in his favour accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Solomon Bill, shewing that he has been confined in goal for near eighteen months by the sentence of the hon^ble superior court in the county of Hartford; praying to be set at liberty &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Solomon Bill be and he is hereby set at liberty from his said confine-

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ment in goal, and that he shall be and he is hereby confined to the bounds and limits of the town of Midletown during the pleasure of this Assembly, not to depart therefrom without the licence of this Assembly, upon pain of being returned to his said imprisonment within the common goal in said county, there to remain during the pleasure of the General Assembly of this State.

Upon the memorial of Solomon Buell of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that in the Danbury expedition in April last he was wounded in both his thighs by a ball from the enemy; that he has ever since been in a very helpless and distressed situation and not likely to recover; that he has a numerous family which are likely to be reduced to beggary and want unless relief can be obtained &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of sixty pounds, money, be and the same is hereby granted to the memorialist for his relief; and the Committee of Pay-Table are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer for said sum accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jared Clarke of Saybrook, serjeant in Capt. Elisha Chapman's company in Colo. Selden's regiment, A.D. 1776, shewing to this Assembly that by means of sickness he was necessitated to return home from the army near New York, by means whereof he hath lost his wages &c.; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file dated 10th day of January, 1778: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to examine and adjust the wages due to said memorialist and draw an order in favour of said Jared Clarke on the Treasurer of this State for such sum as shall appear to be due.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Atwater, administrator on the estate of Benjamin Payne late of New Haven, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmounted the moveable part of said estate the sum of £38 13 3; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the charge of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £38 13 3, together with the charge of such sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Silvanus Mead, captain of a company of rangers raised by order of this Assembly, praying this Assembly to grant to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of said company an additional bounty of four pounds, as has been granted to those of Colonels Enos and Ely's regiments in consideration of the fatigueing

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and expensive marches of said company out of this State by orders of Generals Putnam and Parsons &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of four pounds, L. money, be paid to each non-commission officer and soldier in said company of rangers as an additional bounty for their extra expences, and that the Committee of Pay-Table make a full settlement of the pay now due and bounty granted as aforesaid to said company.

On the memorial of Anne Bow, administratrix on the estate of Seth Bow late of Midletown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the moveable part of the estate of said deceas'd the sum of £40 15 6, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell real estate &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and she is hereby authorized and fully impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £40 15 6, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

On the memorial of Nathan Coe, executor to the last will and testament of Samuel Green late of Midletown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate over and above the avails of four acres of land ordered by the testator to be sold and which has been sold for £9 10 0, and no more, surmounts the moveable part of said estate the sum of £38 6 9¾, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell real estate &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and he is hereby authorized, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as will procure the aforesaid sum of £38 6 9¾ together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of Barzillai Hudson, praying for liberty to inoculate himself and family, being four in number, with the small pox, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist and his family aforesaid have and liberty is hereby granted to receive the small pox by inoculation in the town of Midletown, under the direction of the authority and selectmen of said town of Midletown.

On the memorial of Stephen Hubbard, administrator on the estate of Thomas Barns late of said Midletown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowances made and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Midletown surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £26 8 10, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell real estate &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and he is hereby impow-

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ered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

On the memorial of Samuel Clark of Midletown, a soldier in Colo. Bradley's regiment, shewing to this Assembly that he was one of the unhappy men taken at Fort Washington by the enemy and confined in New York untill the month of December, 1776, and then allowed with a number of other persons almost dead to come out on parole, and that he with the help of his friends reached home in a very weak and sickly condition and was necessitated to expend £9 12 2 for doctoring and refreshments; praying to have the same refunded out of the public treasury: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist receive out of the treasury of this State the aforesaid sum of £9 12 2; and the Treasurer of this State is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Aaron Kelcy, of Killingworth in this State, shewing to this Assembly that he was a lieutenant in a regiment of militia from said State commanded by Colonel Thaddeus Cook in service in the northern army; that in an engagement on the 19th of September last he received a wound which rendered him unfit for duty, and that he thereupon obtained a furlow and with assistance and much expence returned home; and praying that his expences may be allowed and repaid him, as per memorial on file dated January 10th, 1778: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of £13 9 9, money, be granted to the memorialist, and the Committee of Pay-Table are ordered and directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the petition of Elijah Elmore, of Stratford in Fairfield county, shewing to this Assembly that on the tenth of last January he was induced to join the enemies of America and inlisted into their service where he remained till about the seventh of Novr last, when being convinced that their cause was wrong he made his escape and resigned himself up to General Parsons, but has been by the authority of Stratford committed to goal in Fairfield where he is now a prisoner, and praying for pardon as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Elijah Elmore be pardoned, and a pardon of said crime is hereby granted to said Elmore on his paying the cost of his prosecution.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Haydon, of Norwalk in Fairfield county, executor of the last will and testament of Samuel Haydon late of Norwalk aforesaid, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield

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against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £29 5 8, L. money, and that no provision is made in the last will and testament of said deceas'd for the payment thereof &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £29 5 8, L. money, and the incident charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Noah Phelps and Rosetta Phelps, executors on the estate of Capt. Elisha Phelps late of Symsbury, deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges exhibited and allowed by the court of probate and a small allowance made the widow of the deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £649 12 6, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £649 12 6 with incident charges of sale &c., as per memorial on file, dated the 20th of October, 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to sell so much of the said deceas'd's real estate as will raise the aforesaid sum of £649 12 6, L. money, with incident charges of such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate in the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Israel Rowland, of Redding in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that in April last he was perswaded and induced to believe that the country would be conquered, and that through fear only he joined the troops of the enemy, supposing they would remain at Redding where they then were, and that he then reluctantly went away with the enemy from whom he never dared to return till about the 4th of December, when relying on the faith of the proclamation of the Honble Genl Putnam he returned to Redding and resigned himself to the authority, not supposing it necessary for him to go to Genl Putnam, and was by the authority committed to goal where he is now a prisoner; and the memorialist prays this Assembly to grant him a pardon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that a pardon be granted, and free pardon is hereby granted to said Israel Rowland for his said offence, upon his paying all cost that has arisen in the premises.

Upon the memorial of Phebe Hotchkiss of New Haven, administratrix upon the estate of Abraham Hotchkiss, dec^d^, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmounted the moveable part of said estate the sum of £25 3 4; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as should be sufficient to pay said sum, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real

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estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £25 3 4 together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

On the memorial of Nathan Edgerton, of Norwich in New London county, and Ephraim Kingsbury of Coventry, and Sarah Kingsbury jun. of said Norwich, which said Ephraim and Sarah are administrators on the estate of Doct^r Obadiah Kingsbury late of said Norwich, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the said Nathan on the 11th day of November, 1774, gave and executed to said Obadiah, then in full life, a deed of about one acre and one hundred and thirty-seven rods of land in Norwich aforesaid, bounded as by said deed thereof appears, for the security of a just debt then due from said Nathan to said Obadiah, being the sum of £21 6 0, L. money, with the interest till paid, which with the interest now amounts to £25 2 8, and at the same time the said Obadiah gave and executed to said Nathan a bond of defeasance, obliging himself, his heirs &c., to reconvey said land to said Nathan on the payment of the said sum of £21 6 0 and interest, as appears by said bond; and after the date of said deed and bond, some time in the month of May, 1775, said Obadiah died and left no heirs but his widow and small children who are yet under the age of twenty-one years, and the said Nathan has since the death of said Obadiah paid and contented to the said administrators the full of said principal sum and interest and taken receipts for the same and demands a deed of release of said land, which cannot be given by said heirs or administrators; and thereupon praying for liberty and authority to said administrators or some meet person to make and execute a deed of release of said land to said Edgerton: Whereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrators have liberty, and power and authority is hereby given to them, to give and execute to said Nathan Edgerton a good and authentic deed of release of said land, so that thereby said Nathan, his heirs &c., may and shall be fully vested with the fee and property of said land in as full and ample a manner as he was before he, the said Nathan, gave and executed a deed to said Obadiah as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Timothy Northam, of Colchester in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776 he inlisted a soldier in Capt. John Isham's company, Colo. Chester's regiment, in public service at New York; that on his return with some of his fellow soldiers from the pursuit of a party of the enemy near the White Plains he had both the bones of his left leg fractured by the accidental discharge of a musquet, by which accident he has long suffered the most extreme anguish and lost several inches in length of the bones of his leg and the use of it almost entirely; that he is possessed of no estate and has run in debt about the sum of ninety pounds, lawfull money, occasioned by said wound; and praying

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for present and future relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are ordered and directed to adjust the account of expence incurred by said memorialist in consequence of his said wounds and settle the same, and draw on the Treasurer for what they shall find just and reasonable.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Porter, of Farmington in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that on or about the second day of January last his son, Lott Porter, entered into the public service in Capt. Curtiss' company, Colo. Hooker's regiment, and proceeded to West Chester in the State of New York; that on or about the 13th day of said January in a rencounter with the enemy he was wounded and taken prisoner, of which wounds he soon dyed; that when he was captivated he had by him 13 dollars which fell into the enemies hands; and praying for relief in the case, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table, upon application to them made by the memorialist, be directed to draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of the memorialist for the said sum of thirteen dollars, who is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of William Drummond, of Norwalk in the county of Fairfield, clerk, representing to this Assembly that he is a native of Great Britain and is in a low and declining state of health, by means whereof he is unable to do any business whereby he may obtain a comfortable support, and is apprehensive he must be reduced to want unless he is relieved by the charity of the good people of this country, which he would wish to avoid and may be prevented in case he has liberty to return to his connections, friends and relations, who are able to relieve him; praying for liberty to go to New York in order to procure a passage from thence to Scotland, and a permission to take with him some effects, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said William Drummond have liberty, and liberty is hereby given him, to remove from this State to the city of New York and take with him his wearing apparel, bedding and books, for the purpose of obtaining a passage to Scotland, the place of his nativity.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Camp of Durham, shewing to this Assembly that he marched the 17th day of August, 1776, in the character of a lieutenant in Capt. Hickox's company in Colo. Baldwin's regiment of this State; that he did duty therein until regularly discharged and allowed in the pay abstract for said company one days pay for every twenty miles to return home and no more; that he was taken sick at Stamford on his return home and necessarily detained thereby twenty-one days, and has not been allowed or received any

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pay therefor; praying he may be paid his wages for said time, amounting to £3 15 7: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby ordered and directed to draw in favour of the said Samuel Camp on the Treasurer for the sum of three pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence and properly charge the United States for the same.

Upon the memorial or petition of Ebenezer Brown, of Killingley in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that James Redway of said Killingley, late deceas'd, did in life time, *viz:* on the third day of April, 1776, for the consideration of seventy-five pounds, lawfull money, paid to said Redway, sign, seal and deliver to the petitioner in presence of three witnesses a warranty deed of about fifty acres of land situate in Killingley aforesaid, and that through negligence &c. of said Redway and the petitioner the said deed was not acknowledged before proper authority; the widow and children of said deceas'd joining with the said Brown, praying for relief &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the abovesaid deed be and the same is hereby ratifyed, confirmed and established, to all intents and purposes as if the same had been acknowledged by the same James Redway in his life time before proper authority. And the town clerk of the town of Killingley is hereby directed to enter said deed of record in manner and form as the same might have been if properly acknowledged; and being so recorded together with this resolve shall be as compleat evidence of the transfer and title of said land as if said deed had been acknowledged as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Rebekah Hurd, administratrix on the estate of Asahel Hurd late of Woodbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited against said estate and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Woodbury, together with some small allowance to the widow, surmount the moveable part of the estate of said deceas'd the sum of £52 17 1; praying liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum with the incident charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that said administratrix have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £52 17 1, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

On the memorial of Hezekiah Humphry, Esqr, administrator on the estate of James Bunce of Symsbury, deceas'd, for liberty to sell of the real estate of the said deceas'd to the amount of £5 11 3, L. money, with charge of sale &c., as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and it is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd

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as will raise the sum of £5 11 3, L. money, together with incident charges of sale thereof; to be sold by the advice of the court of probate for the district of Hartford.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Ledyard and Hannah Watson of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that the paper-mill in Hartford owned by them unfortunately took fire in the night of the 27th inst. and burnt to ashes, with a large stock of rags, paper &c., and that they are desirous for rebuilding the same and want some assistance of this Assembly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that as the rebuilding the said paper-mill is of public necessity and utility, the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to them, to set up and cause to be properly drawn a lottery at their risque and charge, to raise a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred pounds, money, to be to the memorialists in proportion to their loss sustained in said mill: they giving bond with good sureties in the sum of three thousand pounds to the Treasurer of this State, conditioned to save this State harmless from all damage, cost &c. on account of said lottery, and that the money that shall be raised by said lottery shall be appropriated to the building of said paper-mill. And Doctr Solomon Smith, Mr. Samuel Talcott junr and Mr. James Bull of Hartford, are hereby appointed managers of said lottery, who being sworn are impowered to proceed and form such scheme as in their judgment shall be most equal for the adventurers and most beneficial to said lottery, and to sign the tickets and fix the time for drawing said lottery, and shall see the same fairly managed and drawn and the fortunate adventurers duly paid.

Upon the petition of Nathan Daton, of New Milford in Litchfield county in the State of Connecticut, representing to this Assembly that although at the commencement of the present war waged by the King of Great Britain to establish tyranny over the American States he, the said Daton, took an active part on the side of his country, yet in the month of November, 1776, having his mind from some disastrous incidents of the war filled with gloomy apprehensions for the fate of his country, sundry of his acquaintance by the stratagem of magnifying the dangers of his country and by the strongest assurances of the safety and peace he might enjoy under the protection of the regulars on Long Island in the State of New York, deluded and seduced him, the said Daton, then to retire to said island then in possession of said enemies, in order so far to join them as to put himself under their protection, and that upon his arrival at the enemies head quarters on said island for that purpose only Colo. Delancy, their commander, tyrannically forced him to bear arms with said enemy under pain of military execution; that however the latter part of November last he happily effected his escape from said military bondage, and on arriving at said New Milford was upon the ninth day of

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December last legally arraigned before Samuel Canfield, Esqr, a lawfull justice of peace in this State, on a complaint exhibited against him by Thomas Hays, a grandjuryman, for his criminal conduct in the premises, and by said justice on mittimus dated the same ninth day of December aforesaid committed to Litchfield county goal, there to be kept till delivered by due course of law, in which goal he still remains accordingly. And the said Daton expressing a great sensibility of his folly in seeking for protection under tyranny, and deep contrition for his criminal conduct in the premises, humbly imploring the pardon of this Assembly therefor, also expressing his desire of taking the oath of fidelity to this State: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Nathan Daton shall be no further prosecuted or proceeded against on said complaint exhibited against him by said grandjury-man Hays, nor be any otherwise indicted, prosecuted or proceeded against, before any court-martial or executive courts of civil law, and no otherwise molested or troubled for or on account of the facts mentioned in said complaint of said Hays relative to his, the said Daton's, joining the enemies of this State on said Long Island. And that upon the said Daton's taking the oath of fidelity to this State he shall be intituled to the enjoyment of the common rights of the subjects of this State; and also on paying and depositing in the hands of the keeper of Litchfield county goal the whole costs occasioned by and arisen consequent upon the complaint of said grandjuryman Hays he, the said Daton, shall by said keeper be released and freed from his present confinement aforesaid in said prison.

On the memorial of Benjamin Smith and Jonathan House, administrators on the estate of Richard Smith late of Glastonbury, deceas'd, for liberty to sell of the real estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £57 8 5, L. money, to discharge the debts due from the estate of the said deceas'd with incident charges &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty and it is hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £57 8 5, L. money, to answer said debts, together with incident charges arising on the sale; taking the advice of the court of probates in the district of Hartford in the sale thereof.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Stevens, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of David Stevens jun^{r} late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £344 18 6½, L. money; praying to be impowered to sell real estate to raise said sum &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Stevens be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £344 18 6½, L. money,

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to enable him to pay said debts and also the charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probates in the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Solomon Leet, of Guilford in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that on the 17th day of June, 1777, the enemies of the American States landed in said Guilford at a place called Sachem's Head and set fire to his dwelling-house and two large barns, which consumed the same with his household furniture and many other articles, which he has since caused to be apprized by three judicious disinterested freeholders, *viz:* Samuel Brown, John Elliott, and Ebenezer Hobson, all of said Guilford, and inventory thereof to be made under their hands. And your memorialist, willing to preserve the evidence thereof, that should any compensation be made to such kind of sufferers he may probably make his claim, praying that the aforesaid inventory may be lodged among the files of this Assembly in the Secretary's office, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the inventory taken by said freeholders and here presented and amounting to £522 7 7, be lodged in the files of this Assembly as prayed for.*

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of New Fairfield in the State of Connecticut, praying this Assembly to grant them liberty to make, mend and repair their highways by a rate or tax at all times hereafter, and enable them to tax themselves from time to time to defray the expences of it &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town of New Fairfield have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town, to tax the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways in said town; which tax shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town and be by such surveyors laid out and improved for the repairing highways in each district in said town. And said town is hereby impowered, by the selectmen or a committee chosen annually or from time to time as occasion shall require, to divide the highways in said town into districts, and to assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highways to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the money so raised by said town according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained. And any assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such surveyors to levy and collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their respective districts, in the same manner and form as other town rates are collected. And every such surveyor shall render a true account of

* It is in *Rev. War*, x, 45.

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such money by him so collected to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereunto required after the same becomes payable to said collectors; and all surplus of such money as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors, or any of them, after such highways are sufficiently repaired shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being, and by him and his successor in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively, in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the purpose of repairing highways for the then current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be divided. And it is further resolved, that this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of New Fairfield during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Brown and John Parker jun^{r}, of Coventry in Windham county, shewing to this Assembly that in the month of May, 1775, they inlisted in the service of this State in the company commanded by Capt. Israel Putnam and with him marched to Cambridge and there served untill December then next, and for which they have not received any wages and pay for said service &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed to examine, adjust and allow to the said Brown and Parker such sums of money as they shall find justly due for said service, and draw on the Treasurer of this State for payment thereof accordingly.

Upon the petition of Dudley Drake &c., complaining of error in the judgment of the superior court against him &c. for incest &c.: Resolved, that the consideration of this petition and matters therein alledged be referred to the General Assembly of this State at their next sessions, and the execution of the judgment complained of therein is hereby suspended untill said petition can be heard and determined.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of Greenwich, shewing to this Assembly that pursuant to a resolve of this Assembly in November, 1776, and a subsequent order from his Excellency the Governor and his Council of Safety drawn on the managers of the cannon foundery at Salisbury, said selectmen procured and transported from thence to Greenwich four cannon, which they caused to be well mounted on carriages fit for the defence of this State, and being so mounted procured a sufficient quantity of powder and shot for the same and also employed twenty-one men, officer included, to manage said cannon; praying this Assembly to order payment of the expence that hath accrued on the premises and that the company do receive such pay and allowances [as] may seem just &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to settle and adjust the wages due to the

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said company, and draw on the Treasurer for what they shall find justly due thereon.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Cooper, administrator on the estate of Lieut. Samuel Cooper late of Chatham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowances due from said estate surmounted the moveable part of said estate the sum of £317 18 11; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as may be necessary to pay the sum aforesaid with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Thomas Cooper have liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as may be sufficient to pay the said sum of £317 18 11 with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of Park Avery jun^r of Groton, collector of public taxes for the year 1777, representing to this Assembly that at their session in October last, on the memorial of Latham Avery, Joseph Bailey, John Deball, Job Tyler, John Philips, Benja. Phillips, and Elijah Phillips, all of Groton, shewing they were assessed fourfold by the listers of said Groton on their lists for the year 1776, it was resolved and directed their fourfold assessments should be abated to the amount of their single lists, and the Treasurer directed to allow and settle the same accordingly, on said town repaying the amount of what school money they received from the Treasurer on said abatements, but on said memorialists applying to the Treasurer for settlement and abatement on said Avery, Bailey, Deball, Tyler, and Philips's fourfolds find the listers of Groton through mistake have returned said fourfold assessments to the Treasurer as single additions, though on his rate bill made and delivered him by the town clerk of Groton said rates are inserted as fourfold assessments; praying there may be an abatement allow'd on said Avery, Bailey, Deball, Tyler, and Philips's lists to the amount of £894 from the single additions returned to the Treasurer by said listers of the town of Groton for the year 1776, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to abate to the said Avery, Bailey, Deball, Tyler, and Philipss the sum of £894 0 0 on the single additions sent in by the listers of Groton for the year 1776, and settle and allow the same to the memorialists on his repaying the amount of school money the town of Groton has received on said £894 0 0.

Resolved by this Assembly, That this Assembly be adjourned, to be holden at Hartford in this State on Thursday the 12th day of February next at nine of the clock in the morning, and his Excellency the Governor is desired to adjourn the same accordingly.

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Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Royce and others, officers and soldiers in the fifteenth company of the tenth regiment of militia in the State of Connecticut, shewing to this Assembly that upon the resignation of Jesse Moss, captain of said company, on or about the twelfth day of May, 1777, he received orders from Thaddeus Cook, Esqr, colonel of said regiment, to lead said company to the choice of a captain in the room of said Captain Moss, and also a lieutenant for said company; that the said Captain Moss on or about the 27th day of May legally convened said company, published his resignation and led them to the choice of officers to fill up said vacancies, when they made choice of Robert Martin to be Captain of said company and Reuben Royce jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of said company, and made due return to the Hon^{bl} General Assembly of this State in their sessions at Hartford in May last; that said return is by some means lost, mislaid or destroyed, and that said Captain Moss cannot be perswaded to make another return of the choice of said officers; and praying that the case of said company might be considered, and that said officers might be commissioned &c., as per memorial on file, dated December 29th, 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that the aforesaid Captain Jesse Moss be directed forthwith to make a new return to the General Assembly of this State of the choice of the commission officers of said company as made on the 27th day of May, 1777.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Hawley, of Redding in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that he is now a prisoner in said county, held to answer for crimes against the State, and that under the influence of a belief that the country would be subdued he, in April last, left the country and went to the enemy, but being afterwards perswaded that his conduct was unjustifyable and on or about the 19th of November last he was induced by the proclamation of the Honble Genl Putnam, issued the 17th of November, offering a pardon to such as should return to their habitation to return home, and thereupon he did return home and resign himself up to authority and took the oath of fidelity, and praying for a pardon of his offence, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Samuel Hawley be released from his present confinement on his paying the costs of his prosecution, and that he be discharged, and he is hereby pardoned and discharged from any further prosecution for said offence.

This Assembly, pursuant to a resolve of the same, was adjourned (by proclamation) to be holden at Hartford in this State on Thursday the 12th day of February next at nine of the clock in the morning.

Teste, GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secret'y.*

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL [OF SAFETY], HELD AT HARTFORD, JANUARY 9TH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Gen. Huntington,	Gen[l] Wadsworth,	Esq[rs].
Roger Sherman,	Ben[in] Pain,	
Wm. Pitkin,	N. Wales jun[r],	
Wm. Williams,		

Voted, To draw on the Committee of the Pay-Table for the sum of five hundred pounds, lawful money, to be paid to Capt. Roswel Grant: one hundred pounds of said sum to be by said Grant improved to pay the wages of the company raised by this State and ordered to march under the command of said Grant to the State of Rhodisland to serve under the command of Maj[r] Gen[l] Spencer; the other four hundred pounds to be paid by said Grant to Brigadier General John Douglass, to be by said Douglas improved for the payment of four companys of soldiers raised in his brigade and ordered to march to said State of Rhodisland to serve under the command of said Gen[l] Spencer; and to render an account.

Voted, That Brigadier Gen[l] John Douglass be and he is hereby directed to order or provide sufficient and necessary teams and carriage to transport the bagage of the four companys of soldiers ordered to be raised in and marched from his brigade to Providence.

Voted, That Capt. Roswel Grant be and he is hereby directed to provide sufficient and necessary teams and carriage to transport to Providence the bagage of the company ordered to march there under his command.

The aforegoing order on the committee in favour of Capt. Roswel Grant was this day drawn and delivered to said Grant, being for the sum of five hundred pounds, lawful money; one hundred for the use of his company, the other £400 to be by him delivered to Brigadier John Douglas, agreeable to said vote; and to account.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Gen[l] Jabez Huntington,	Maj[r] Hillhouse,	Esq[rs].
Hon. Roger Sherman,	Ben[a] Pain,	
Hon. Wm. Williams,	N. Wales jun[r],	
Gen. Wadsworth,		

An order drawn in favour of the selectmen of Killingworth on Mr. Josiah Elliot of Bedford for 33 bushels of State salt. Also an order on said Josiah Elliot in favor of the selectmen of Seabrook for 44½ bushels of State salt at Bedford. Said selectmen in both cases to pay storage; with a proviso in both orders that former orders granted to said selectmen have not been answered. Said orders delivered to Maj[r] Hillhouse.

Voted, That Lieut. Colo. Larrence be permitted to be exchanged for Col. Sam[l] Webb; and for that purpose said Larrance to go to New York on his parol, and if not agreed to that he return to Wethersfield by the 6th of February, 1778.

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Voted, To desire his Excellency the Governor to write to Gen[l] Clinton and inform him of the condition on which the State prisoners from New York were permitted to return and to propose the exchange of Col. Ely for Col. Delancey, or that each one be permitted to return to their respective abodes on parol till exchanged.

Voted, That a letter be addressed to Congress, urging that a general exchange of prisoners may take place as soon as possible.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD JANUARY 13TH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
The Deputy Governor.

Gen[l] Huntington,	Gen[l] James Wadsworth,	Esq[rs].
Roger Sherman,	Wm. Hillhouse,	
Col. Wm. Pitkin,	Ben[m] Pain,	
Col. Abraham Davenport,	Nath. Wales jun[r],	
Wm. Williams.		

Voted, To draw on the Committee of the Pay-Table in favour of John Smith, lieut. of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* in the service of this State, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, lawful money, to be by him improved in paying the wages of the men he has inlisted and may inlist to serve on board said ship, and to account.

14 Jan'y, order delivered to sd Lieut. Smith.

Order drawn on Mr. Josiah Eliott to deliver to the selectmen of East Haddam 46½ bushels of salt belonging to this State.

Order drawn on Mr. Josiah Eliott to deliver to the selectmen of Gilford 48½ bushels of salt belonging to this State.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table in favour of Colo. Joseph Trumbull for the sum of five thousand pounds, to replace the money by him advanced to Mr. Exex Rice and company to procure cloathing for the continental army.

Order delivered to the Gov[r] 13th Jan'y.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD JANUARY 14TH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor,
The Deputy Governor.
Gen[l] Huntington, Col. Williams,
Col. Davenport, Col. Pitkin,
Maj[r] Adams.

An account being exhibited to this Board by Sam Terry of East Windsor for fifty-three cartouch boxes and belts @ 11*s* 6*d*. each, amounting in the whole to £30 9 6, which he has made and finished agreeable to the order of this Board: Whereupon it is resolved and voted, that said account be and the same is hereby allow'd and approv'd, and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same. And the said Terry is directed to deliver said cartouch boxes &c. to Brig[r] Gen[l] Erastus Wolcott, who is also hereby desired to receive the same for the use of this State.

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At the same meeting sundry accounts being exhibited to this Board by Lynde Lord of Litchfield, Esqr, for setting up and supporting the guard in said Litchfield on account of Govr Franklin, together with some other accounts of services &c. which he was duly authorized to perform: Whereupon it is voted and resolv'd by this Board, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to liquidate and settle the said accounts and draw on the Treasurer for the payment of what they find due, and charge the same to the continent and to this State according as the same appears to be due from each.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honour the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	Esq^{rs}.
William Pitkin,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	
Abr^{m} Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	
Wm. Williams,	And^{w} Adams,	

Voted, That Gideon Horsford's account for transporting sick soldiers in January, 1777, and carrying orders to Genl Ward by order of the Governor and Council of Safety, which account is dated Jan'y the 3^{d}, 1778, amounting to £3 0*s.* 0*d.*, be referr'd to the Committee of Pay-Table to liquidate, adjust and draw on the Treasurer for the ballance due, and charge the same to the continent.

Voted, That Doct^{r} Isaac Knight's account, surgeon to Col. Ely's regiment, for medicines &c. supplyed said regiment, amounting to £44 6 11, be referr'd to the Committee of Pay-Table to liquidate, adjust and draw on the Treasurer for the ballance due thereon: the several articles not expended to be considered as credit.

Voted, That Capt. John Cotten be desired to procure up Connecticut River fifty spars, suitable for masts, bowsprits, booms and yards, for the use of this State, and that he shall be allow'd a reasonable reward for his trouble.

Voted, That Mr. Saml Ogden of New Jersey on his transporting into this State a quantity of rod and bar iron be permitted to barter some part thereof for salt and other West India goods.

Voted, That Lieut. Joseph Squire be and he is hereby appointed a Captain of Marines on board the ship *Defence* belonging to this State, and his Excellency the Governor is desired to commissionate him accordingly.

Voted, That Lieut. [James] Day be and he is hereby appointed a Captain of Marines on board the ship *Oliver Cromwell* belonging to this State, and his Excellency the Governor is desired to commissionate him accordingly.

It appearing to this Board evident beyond a doubt, that the quantity of salted and other provision laid up and secured within this State for the use of the continental army is far short of what was provided the last year, and much inadequate to the probable demands and necessity of the army, and that live beef is also scarce and difficult to be obtain'd, and that it is our indispensible duty to exert every effort to procure as much of both and on as good terms as are yet possible: And whereas Colo. Henry Champion of this State is a gentleman of great judgment, capacity and experience in the

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business of procuring and purchasing fat cattle, especially beyond any other person in this State, and of most unexceptionable honor and integrity, and from a conviction of the great advantage to be derived from his universal acquaintance, his ability to promote the fattening of cattle and skill to purchase, this Board have applyed to him to undertake that business: he appears to have insuperable objections and judges it altogether impracticable to conform strictly to some of the rules prescribed by the plan of the Congress for regulating the commissary department, but agrees (not without reluctance) to exert himself for that purpose and with fidelity to procure and purchase all the live fat cattle he can for the use aforesaid, to take receipts from all persons of whom he shall purchase, expressing the sums rec'd, the number and kind of cattle bought for which the same is paid, to brand all such cattle with the initial letters of his own name and with C. A. (for Continental Army), to cause them all to be drove and delivered at such place and places and to such person and persons as he shall be directed by the commissary general of issues or other proper authority, (inevitable casualties excepted,) and take his or their proper receipts for the same; and to be allow'd a reasonable reward for his trouble and expences in the premises, and to make up and settle his accounts with the proper officers of Congress accordingly as soon and as fast as he shall possibly be able, and to execute the whole with all fidelity, honor and integrity. Mr. Peter Colt, deputy commissary general of purchases, being present, earnestly desires that said Champion as aforesaid and himself [be] excused from that part of purchases.

This Board on mature consideration are unanimously of opinion, that the interest and safety of the United States and the supply of the army in a better, cheaper and more advantageous manner by imploying said Colo. Champion for the purpose and on the terms aforesaid than in any other way we can devise for this department, and do therefore for publick good and by the countenance of the resolutions of the Honble Congress in that behalf, hereby authorize, impower and appointed the said Colo. Henry Champion the sole purchaser of live beef cattle within the Eastern Department for the use of the continental army, on the terms and in the manner as is before specified, with power to imploy such assistants as he shall find necessary and proper to execute any part of the business aforesaid. Said Champion to go into the immediate execution of said business, and begin to drive by the first day of February next, if practicable.

And it is further resolv'd, That this appointment be laid before the Honble Congress of the United States as soon as may be; and if they, on consideration, should disapprove thereof and signify the same to his Excellency, the said appointment thenceforward to cease and determine. And the said Peter Colt, Esqr, on his desire is releas'd and discharged from that part of his service in the commissary department, which is by virtue hereof assigned to said Colo. Champion

And it is further resolv'd, That one half the draught for two hundred thousand dollars by the Honble President Lawrens on the continental loan office in this State, dated the 20th day of Decr last, in favour of the said Governor and Council of Safety, be assigned to Peter Colt, Esqr. and the other half to said Henry Champion, Esqr, — they to be accountable for the same.

Whereas sundry persons belonging to the islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard and other places out of this State have, on their repre-

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sentations to this Board, obtain'd permissions from his Excellency the Governor, to barter, traffic and trade in this State for sundry articles of provisions, wares and goods, the produce of said State, in exchange for salt and other necessaries on certain terms and conditions: And it being since represented and shewn to this Board that all such provisions, wares and goods are wanted for the supply of the necessities of the inhabitants of this State and for the use of the army of the United States, and cannot be spared without material injury to both; and also that sundry or all such persons have been guilty of abuses in managing such trade by bidding very excessive sums for articles purchased, and thereby enhancing the already exorbitant prices of the necessaries of life to the injury of the people and the publick, and bartering at unreasonable rates, and otherways violating the spirit and true intent, meaning and terms of such permissions.

It is therefore resolv'd and order['d] by his Excellency the Governor and Council aforesaid, That all and ever[y] permission heretofore granted as afores'd to all and every the persons afores'd do henceforth cease and determine, and they and each of them are hereby declared null and void as to any other or further proceeding by virtue thereof; and all such persons are strictly prohibited to traffic, deal or trade in this State any further by virtue thereof, on the pains and penalties of the law. They are also prohibited to depart from the ports or harbours of this State with their or any of their boats or vessells without special licence from his Excellency the Governor. And they and all persons concern'd are to take notice hereof and govern themselves accordingly. And Mr. Isaac Doolittle and Mr. Timo. Jones jun^r of Newhaven, or either of them, are hereby directed to give notice hereof to any person or persons having obtain'd such permissions, and any others concern'd, by reading the same in their hearing or giving or leaving a copy.

And it is further resolv'd, That Roger Sherman, Wm. Hilhouse, and Benja. Huntington, Esq^rs, or any two of them, be and they are hereby authorized and appointed a committee to inquire and examine into the conduct of any and all persons trading and bartering in this State by virtue of any permissions as afores'd, as to the terms, manner, prices, rate of exchange and barter made, given and bid by any such persons, and of any wrong doings or abuses any such persons may have been guilty of; and for this purpose in any proper way to convene before them any person or persons necessary and proper for the purposes aforesaid, and make report of what they shall find in the premises to the Governor and Council aforesaid as soon as conveniently may be.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	Esq^rs.
Ab^m Davenport,	Nathl Wales jun^r,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Benja. Payne, and	
Wm. Williams,	And^w Adams,	

Upon the representation of Genl Saml H. Parsons, shewing to this Board that a small privateer is now fitting out by the general's order to drive small

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tenders and boats from the western coasts, which cannot be compleated unless they can obtain the loan of one [of] the nine-pounders at New Haven belonging to this State, and praying for the loan thereof for the purpose aforesaid: Whereupon it is resolv'd by this Board, that one of the said nine-pound cannon at said New Haven be loaned to the said Gen[l] Parsons for the purpose aforesaid; and he is hereby permitted to receive the same on his giving his receipt therefor.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	Esq[rs].
Ab[m] Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	
Wm. Pitkin,	And[w] Adams,	
William Williams,		

Whereas Capt. Jesse Levensworth of Newhaven in consequence of proper orders having given his dep[n] respecting the evacuation of Tycondaroga: Voted, that the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to adjust and settle the said Capt. Levensworth account in the premises and draw on the Treasurer for the payment of the ballance due thereon and charge the same to the continent: said service being done in consequence of a requisition from the President of Congress to his Excellency the Governor.

Voted, That Major Otis of Middletown be and he is hereby permitted to transport by land out of this State six hundred weight of flour into the State of the Massachusetts Bay.

Whereas there is a quantity of cloathing now in the hands of Colo. Joseph Trumbull belonging to the continent, which he received of the commissaries of cloathing at Boston for the use of the continental army from the State of Connecticut and [there being] a number of field officers belonging to the several regiments from this State in continental service now in this State:

Therefore voted, That the said Colo. Trumbull be and he is hereby directed to deliver out to the several field officers afores'd cloathing for the use of their respective regiments, to be equitably divided according to their numbers, taking duplicate receipts for the same to be deliver'd to the clothier general or according to Gen[l] Washington's orders: one of which receipts to be transmitted to the clothier general and the other to be kept on file. And the said field officers are directed to call on said Colo. Trumbull for the same accordingly, and having received the same to take due care that the cloaths prepared for that purpose be forthwith made up suitable for the soldiery, and that the chief taylor or taylors in making up the same for each regiment be under oath faithfully to make up all the cloath delivered to him or them and deliver the same accordingly: the whole to be made up at the customary price or prices set by the commissary of cloathing and to be made and transported at continental expence: the same also to be made up according to the directions given by the said field officers respectively.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	Esq^{rs}.
Ab^{m} Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	
William Williams,	And^{w} Adams,	

An order is drawn in favour of the selectmen of Milford on Mr. Josiah Eliott at Bedford for twenty-five bushells of salt.

The order delivered to Genl Wadsworth.

Voted, To sell to Major Wm. Hart jun^{r} twelve four-pound cannon now at the furnace in Salisbury with a quantity of shot suitable and sufficient for the same, and also the like number of swivels, (if on hand;) and the managers of said furnace are directed to dispose of the same to said Major Hart accordingly, (if on hand,) at the usual rate and pay.

Upon the memorial of Jemima Elberson now resident in Hartford, shewing to this Board that she left N. York some little time before the enemy took possession of that place, and left some of her effects in the hands of her friends who have since mov'd into Newyork with her effects, and that she with three children is now at Hartford and likely to be reduced to want &c., praying for liberty to remove (with her children and what few effects she has left) to New York &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Board, that the said Jemima be permitted to remove with her children and effects to Newyork. *Permit d^{d} Mr. Jos. Church.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 23D DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	Esq^{rs}.
Ab^{m} Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	
William Pitkin,	And^{w} Adams,	
Wm. Williams,		

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer in favour of Saml Eliott jun^{r}, Esqr, for the sum of one thousand pounds, money, to be in account as agent of this State. The order to be delivered to Mr. John Wasson, clerk of the ship *Defence*.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer in favour of Saml Smedley, captain of the ship *Defence*, for the sum of four hundred pounds, money, to be in account. Said order to be delivered to Mr. John Wasson, clerk of said ship.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer in favour of Colo. Noah Phelps for the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds, money, to be in account and to enable him to transport a number of cannon from Salisbury to Boston for the use of the ship *Defence*, which he is appointed to do.

Voted, That the accounts of the committee appointed by this Board to join the committees from Massachusetts Bay and Rhodeisland to inquire into the reasons of the expedition lately form'd against Newport fail'd &c. be referr'd to the Committee of Pay-Table to liquidate and settle and draw on the Treasurer for the ballances of their respective accounts.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, } Esq^{rs}.
Ab^{m} Davenport, William Williams,

Upon the memorial of James Hall, lieutenant of an artillery company, shewing to this Board that he was ordered by the commander in chief in the northern department to the town of Farmington in this State, where he arrived a few days past with twenty-seven men under an expectation of taking up winter quarters at said Farmington, but that within about one or two days after his arrival he was order'd to march to Genl Washington's head quarters; that his men are almost naked and cant perform said march without indangering their lives &c.; praying for the following articles to be supplyed them from this State &c., *viz:* 24 shirts, 19 pair of breeches, 30 pair stockings and 26 pair of shoes, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Board, that Messrs. Whittlesey and Elijah Hubbard, or either of them, be and they are hereby ordered to deliver the said cloathing to the said Lieut. Hall, taking duplicate receipts therefor and transmit the same to the Committee of Pay-Table, one of which is to be by them transmitted to the clothier general, the other to be kept on file. *Order d^{d} Lieut. Hall.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, James Wadsworth, } Esq^{rs}.
Abram Davenport, Benja. Payne,
William Pitkin, And^{w} Adams,
William Williams,

Upon the representation of Nathl Shaw of Newlondon, by letter shewing to this Board that a French gentleman has just arrived into Newlondon with a quantity of spirits; that he has a quantity of salt at Bedford, and proposes to bring that with a further quantity of salt from the island of St. Peters into this State, for which purpose he is desirous to export out of this State ten head of fat cattle in order to inable him to accomplish said business &c.: Resolv'd by this Board, that his Excellency be desired to grant a permit to Mr. Nathl Shaw of Newlondon, to export out of this State ten head of fat cattle for the purpose aforesaid, to be purchased by Colo. Henry Champion and to be exchanged for spirits: upon condition that the said gentleman ingages to bring salt into this State and is willing to make said exchange and dispose of said salt &c. upon reasonable terms, and to dispose of the same to this State if desired. And the said Mr. Shaw is desired to negotiate said exchange accordingly.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington, James Wadsworth,
Abr^m Davenport, Benj. Payne,
William Pitkin, And^w Adams, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to permit Ezek Gorham, Seth Baker and Hez^a Croell, all from the State of the Massachusetts Bay, who are now in this State and have by permission disposed of a part of their cargoes, to dispose of the remainder of their said cargoes for money only, and to depart with such articles as they have purchased by barter or otherwise in this State and the State of Newyork, or such as they may purchase for money, as also such part of their cargoes as they may not dispose of as aforesaid.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington, William Williams,
Ab^m Davenport, James Wadsworth,
And^w Adams.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table furnish Mr. Jesse Brown, continental express, with money necessary from time to time in that service, keeping proper accounts thereof, and charge the United States.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington, James Wadsworth,
William Pitkin, Benja. Payne,
Abr^m Davenport, And^w Adams,
Wm. Williams, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That Christopher Leffingwell, Esqr, be permitted to transport out of this State to his farm lying at Pitsfield three barrells of salt and two barrells of N. England rum.

Voted, That Walter Henderson of Morris-Town in New Jersey be permitted to transport out of this State four barrells of rum and four bushells of salt to said N. Jersey.

That Woodbridge Little be permitted to transport to Pitsfield 12 bushels of manufactured and three bushels of foreign salt, and about ⅛ of a hundred of sugar.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table to draw an order on the Treasurer for the sum of £250, in favour of Capt. John

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Cotton, to be improved for procuring spars for the use of this State, to be in account. *Ordr deld Jany 29th, 1778.*

Voted, That the managers of the furnace at Salisbury be ordered and directed, as soon as may be after they have cast the mortars for which they have orders, to cast six large stoves, six receivers and twelve refining pots with doors or covers, for refining sulphur, on account of the Honble James Duane of the State of New York.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN HARTFORD THE 30TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Abm Davenport, Wm. Pitkin, Wm. Williams, James Wadsworth, } Esqrs.

Consulted with Mr. Coltt and Colo. Champion touching commissary matters.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Williams, Abm Davenport, Wm. Hillhouse, Jas. Wadsworth, } Esqrs.

Consulted with Mr. Whiting touching the furnace at Salisbury and various other matters.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN IN LEBANON THE 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Williams, Abm Davenport, Wm. Hillhouse, James Wadsworth, } Esqrs.

Lieut. John Smith of the ship *Oliver Cromwel* having resigned his commission and exhibited his account for services done, amounting to £159 4 6: Voted, the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to receive, examine and adjust said account and order payment of the ballance, if any shall be due thereon, to said Smith.

Permit given to James Davis of Barnstable, to transport by water into the State of Massachusets Bay in the schooner *Seaflower* 8 tons of flour, 400 bus. of indian corn, 100 bush. rye, 2000 *lb.* flax, and 200 *lb.* cheese: he giving bond and making oath. *Permit dd Feby 5th, 1778.*

Permit given to Capt. John Coleman of Nantucket to sell in this State one barrel of oyl, also to transport from this State to Nantucket 20 bushels of rye: he giving bond and making oath. *Permit dd Feby 5th 1778.*

Voted, That Mr. Wm. Whiting, one of the overseers of Salisbury furnace, be impowered and directed to purchase one hogshead of New England and one barrel of West India rhum for the use of the workmen at said furnace, on the best terms he may be able.

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Voted, That Mr. Wm. Whiting, one of the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury, be directed to apply to the Committee of Pay-Table for ten of the State's blankets, for the use of the workmen at said furnace; and in case he cannot be supplyed, then to purchase them on the best terms he can.

Permit given to Capt. James Noble to transport by land to Pitsfield in the State of the Massachusets Bay four barrels of clove-water and four barrels of New England rhum: he paying the costs that have arisen.

Permit d^d Feb 5th, 1778.

Voted, That Mr. William Whiting be and he is hereby continued an Overseer in carrying on the works at the furnace at Salisbury.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON THE 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Wm. Williams, Abr^m Davenport, Wm. Hillhouse, James Wadsworth, } Esq^rs.

Wrote to Mr. Whittlesey of Middletown to supply Mr. Wm. Whiting for the use of the workmen at the furnace with ten blankets if he cannot get them of the Pay-Table.

Voted, To draw on the Committee of Pay-Table in favour of Capt. James Day of the ship *Oliver Cromwell* for £120, to be improved in inlisting men for said ship; to be in account. *Order d^d Feby 5th*, 1778.

Voted, to draw on the Committee of Pay-Table in favour of Mr. Jonathan Strong, post rider, in part payment of his account hereafter to be adjusted, for £200, to be in account.

Voted and resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be advised and he is desired, to give orders as occasion may require, that the privateers now lying in the harbour of New London be not allowed a let-pass to pass the fort until the several commanders have respectively given bond to the Treasurer of this State in the sum of one thousand pounds, conditioned that they will not carry out on board said privateers any person or persons concerned in the late riot or mob and breaking the goal in New London.

Voted, That Adam Shapley be and he is hereby appointed to be Captain, Richard Chapman First Lieutenant, and Daniel Dee Second Lieutenant of a company of artillery men or matrosses ordered to be raised by the General Assembly in January last.

Voted, That William Ledyard be and he is hereby appointed to be Captain, Wm. Latham First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, and *see entry of 25 Mar.* Lieutenant Fire-worker, of a company of artillery men or matrosses ordered to be raised by the General Assembly in January last.

Voted, That Wilmott be and he is hereby appointed to be Lieutenant of a company of artillery men or matrosses ordered to be raised by the General Assembly in January last, to be stationed at New Haven.

Voted, That Benjamin Hine be and he is hereby appointed to be Lieutenant of a company of artillery men or matrosses ordered to be raised by the General Assembly in January last, to be stationed at Milford.

Orders sent L. Hine.

Voted, That William Seymour be and he is hereby appointed to be Lieutenant of a company of artillery men or matrosses ordered to be raised by the General Assembly in January last, to be stationed at Norwalk.

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Voted, That John Bean be and he is hereby appointed to be Lieutenant of a company of artillery men or matrosses ordered to be raised by the General Assembly in January last, to be stationed at Stanford.

Voted, That Sylvanus Marshall be and he is hereby appointed to be Lieutenant of a company of artillery men and matrosses ordered to be raised by the General Assembly in January last, to be stationed at Greenwich.

The following orders sent to Capt. Wm. Ledyard at Groton, *viz:*
To William Ledyard, Esquire, Commandant at the Fort of Groton in this State.

By virtue and in pursuance of an act of the Honble General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford the 2^{d} Thursday of January, A.D. 1778, you are appointed Captain of a company of fifty men, including one captain, first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one lieutenant fire-worker, two serjeants and 2 corporals, to be stationed at Groton and Stonington, and to continue in service until the first day of January, 1779, unless sooner discharged, to do the duty and service of artillery men or matrosses so much and so far as may be necessary on their station and as the circumstances of the case may be, and when not incompatible with that service to do such other duty of soldiers as shall be reasonably required of them by their officers or the commander on the station; and the officers and soldiers are carefully and diligently to attend the duty of their respective offices and places for the best protection of the said towns or places where stationed, and to be liable to be removed on any special emergency for the relief of any place on the sea coasts of this State by order of the General Assembly or the Governor and Council of Safety, where such place is or shall be in danger of being attacked. You are therefore hereby ordered and directed to raise by voluntary inlistment the aforesaid number of forty-six able-bodied effective men, including two serjeants and two corporals, for the purpose aforesaid, with all convenient speed. And you are to encourage and assure the men inlisting as aforesaid, that each such non-commission officer and soldier who shall furnish and provide himself with a good blanket shall receive twelve shillings as a reward and retain the blanket at the end of the service, and also for a good fire-arm, bayonet, cartouch box and accoutrements to the acceptance of his chief officer, the sum of ten shillings as a premium, and shall receive 6 pence *per diem* for billeting money from the time of inlistment untill he shall receive provisions from the State, and shall have one months pay advanced on his inlisting. And all the officers and soldiers shall have and receive the same pay, wages and allowance as was made to officers and soldiers in the like service the last year.

By order of his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety.

Dated at Lebanon in the State of Connecticut the 6th day of February, A.D. 1778.

Signed JAMES WADSWORTH, *Clerk.*

And N. B. Similar orders, *mutatis mutandis*, were made and sent to other officers on the sea coast towns, *viz:* New Haven and Milford, according to the resolve of Assembly at Hartford, January 2^{d} Thursday, 1778. Also sent to Cap. Shapley.

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AT A MEETING &c., LEBANON, SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, '78.

Present: The Governor and the same as yesterday.

A number of orders to officers on the sea coasts, similar to the last record, were made out and dispatched, and sundry other matters consulted and advised about, not matters of record.

And adjourned without day, and the gentlemen went homewards.

N. B. Last night and this morning a violent and driving snow storm.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN AMERICA HOLDEN AT HARTFORD BY ADJOURNMENT ON THURSDAY THE TWELFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, ANNO DOMINI 1778.

Present:

His Excellency Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.**
The Honble Matthew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Roger Sherman, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Richard Law, Esqr,
William Williams, Esqr, } *Assistants.*

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* Unable to attend at the opening of the session, Gov. Trumbull sent this letter or message:

Gentlemen of the Council, and
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

It having pleased Providence to detain me by indisposition from a personal attendance with you, at the opening of the present sessions, I am to take this method of addressing you on the present important occasion.— The papers relative to the business which will come under your attention accompany this,—and any letters under address to me, which may be received in my absence, His Honor the Deputy Governor will open and communicate.

The Articles of Confederation of the United States call first for your attention, and as this business was well nigh completed during your late sessions, I hope it will be speedily finish'd.

The necessity of immediate large Taxation was next considered, and I trust will now occupy your serious attention. For my own part, I am more fully convinced that this is the only effectual and safe method of extricating ourselves from our present difficulties and of giving value to our currency, and that this time is the most proper for adopting this remedy, is almost self-evident. Our debts must be

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Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz.:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benja. Payne, for Hartford.
Gener[l] Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Benoni Olcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Ezekiel Williams, Colo. John Chester, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Benja. Talcott, for Bolton.
Doct[r] Neziah Bliss, Mr. Elijah Kellogg, for Hebron.
Colo. Noah Phelps, Capt. Amasa Mills, for Symsbury.
Mr. Titus Hosmer, Colo. Comfort Sage, for Midletown.
Mr. Abiel Holt, for Willington.
Colo. Isaac Lee jun[r], Mr. John Treadwell, for Farmington.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Mr. Ebenezer Gay, for Stafford.
Colo. Samuel Chapman, Mr. Ichabod Griggs, for Tolland.
Colo. Henry Champion, Maj[r] Elias Worthington, for Colchester.
Doct[r] Alex[r] Wolcott, Capt. Edward Griswold, for Windsor.
Capt. Nehem[h] Brainerd, Mr. Ezra Brainerd, for Haddam.
Colo. Dyer Throop, Colo. Jabez Chapman, for East Haddam.
Colo. Nathaniel Terry, Mr. Peter Reynolds, for Enfield.
Capt. Jonath[n] Wells, Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Mr. Ebenezer White, Colo. John Penfield, for Chatham.
Maj[r] Abiel Pease, for Somers.
Capt. Simeon Sheldon, Capt. Abraham Granger, for Suffield.
Mr. Samuel Bishop jun[r], Mr. Pierpoint Edwards, for New Haven.
Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. Eliphalet Hotchkiss, Capt. Thomas Clark, for Derby.
Gen[l] James Wadsworth, Mr. Elnathan Camp, for Durham.
Capt. Isaac Miles, Mr. Gideon Buckingham, for Milford.

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paid, and all men must allow that it is more easy to pay a nominal sum, when money is plenty and cheaply earn'd, than when it is the scarcest, and consequently the dearest article.

The doings of the Convention at New Haven, in the regulation of prices &c., will likewise come before you, and will demand your very serious consideration. As it is a matter of particular concern to the whole body of the people, will it not be advisable to defer your determination therein, untill it can be referr'd to and considered by them in their town meetings. At least, it is not, in my opinion, safe to attempt the regulation of those articles, which are immediately necessary for the support of the army. We may, it is true, avail ourselves of whatever is at present on hand — but meantime, if we affix a low price to provisions and articles of importation, we shall find that the farmer will cease to till the ground for more than is necessary for his own subsistence — and the merchant to risque his fortune on a small and precarious prospect of gain. These things I trust will be carefully attended to, and those measures adopted which will best promote the public good.

The correcting the Military Laws I hope will also be compleated.

These, I think, are the most material affairs which will come before you in this sessions. In these, and any other matters which may turn up, I most sincerely pray that you may be guided by Divine Wisdom to those determinations which will be most for the welfare and happiness of the people for whom you act.

If I recover my health, as I hope to, I shall attend on you before the close of the sessions. Meantime I am

Gentlemen, with the highest respect,
Your most humble servant,
Lebanon, 11th Febr'y, 1778. JON[TH] TRUMBULL.

Hon[ble] General Assembly, State of Connecticut.

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Gen[l] Andrew Ward jun[r], Mr. John Burgiss, for Guilford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brownson, for Waterbury.
Mr. David Brooks, Colo. Street Hall, for Wallingford.
Maj[r] William Hillhouse, Mr. Winthrop Saltonstall, for New London.
Capt. Elisha Backus, Capt. Elisha Lathrop, for Norwich.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Mr. Daniel Redfield, for Killingworth.
Capt. Jeremiah Halsey, for Preston.
Maj[r] Charles Phelps, Mr. Paul Wheeler, for Stonington.
Capt. Samuel Ely, for Lyme.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Colo. Nathan Gallop, for Groton.
Capt. Samuel Squire, Maj[r] Elijah Abel, for Fairfield.
Capt. Caleb Baldwin, Mr. Henry Peck, for Newtown.
Mr. John McKay, for Greenwich.
Mr. Sam[l] Cook Silliman, for Norwalk.
for New Fairfield.
Capt. Silvanus Knap, Capt. Isaac Lockwood, for Stamford.
Capt. Daniel Judson, Capt. Abraham Brinsmaid, for Stratford.
for Ridgfield.
Colo. Joseph Platt Cooke, for Danbury.
Mr. Lemuel Sanford, for Redding.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, for Windham.
Mr. David Payne, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
for Killingley.
Colo. Jeremiah Mason, Mr. Beriah Southworth, for Lebanon.
Mr. Constant Southworth, for Mansfield.
Colo. Samuel McClellan, Capt. Nehemiah Lyon, for Woodstock.
Capt. Jedidiah Fay, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Capt. John Weld, for Pomfrett.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Capt. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.
Capt. James Bradford, Mr. Joseph Shepard, for Plainfield.
Colo. James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Maj[r] Andrew Adams, Mr. Jedidiah Strong, for Litchfield.
Mr. Uriel Holmes, for Hartland.
Mr. James Pardy, for Sharon.
Maj[r] Jethro Hatch, Capt. Joseph Carter, for Kent.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Capt. Asaph Hall, for Goshen.
Capt. Samuel Forbs, Mr. Asahel Beebe, for Canaan.
Colo. Joshua Porter, Capt. Abiel Camp, for Salisbury.
Capt. John Willson, Capt. Daniel Catlin, for Harwington.
Mr. Abner Marshall, for Torrington.
Capt. Giles Pettibone, Mr. William Walter, for Norfolk.
Capt. Thomas Porter, Mr. Judah Kellogg, for Cornwall.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Colo. Benja. Hinman, for Woodbury.
Mr. Samuel Comstock, for New Milford.
Capt. Aaron Austin, Capt. Noah Kellogg, for New Hartford.
for Westmoreland.

Titus Hosmer, Esq[r], Speaker, } of the House of Representatives.
Benjamin Payne, Esq[r], Clerk, }

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An Act for the Regulation of the Prices of Labour, Produce, Manufactures and Commodities within this State.

Whereas the Congress of the United States of America, premising the necessity of reducing the quantity of circulating medium in order to support its value, have recommended to the several States in the strongest terms to raise supplies for carrying on the war by taxes, to draw in and cancel all the bills of credit by them respectively emitted, small change under a dollar excepted, to refrain from further emissions, and to appoint Commissioners to meet in three divisions to regulate and ascertain the prices of labour, manufactures, internal produce, and commodities imported from foreign parts: And Commissioners from the States of New Hamshire, Massachusets Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pensylvania, having met at New Haven and agreed on a regulation of prices for said States, have reported their doings to this Assembly, which report is accepted and approved: Wherefore, considering that the quantity of circulating medium will be in some measure reduced by the means aforesaid, which will tend to facilitate the reduction of the present unequal and exorbitant prices of articles and put a stop to that growing and alarming evil, which is not only big with the greatest injustice to the respective States and to the individuals thereof but threatens the dissolution of our armies and the ruin of the States, unless timely prevented by a vigorous exertion of the several States in carrying into execution the system of regulations recommended by Congress as aforesaid:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the twentieth day of March next, the several kinds and articles of labour, manufactures, internal produce, and commodities imported from foreign parts, herein enumerated and described, shall not in this State exceed the rates or prices at which they are stated in this act, *viz:* That the various kinds of labour of farmers, mechanicks and others shall not exceed the rate of seventy-five *per cent.* advance on the prices which they were respectively at in the same places in this State in the various seasons of the year 1774. Good merchantable wheat, peas and white beans, nine shillings and nine pence per bushell; rye or rye meal six shillings and six pence per bushell; oats three shillings per bushell; good merchantable wheat flour twenty-seven shillings per hundred; Indian corn four shillings and six pence per bushell; pork well fatted weighing from one hundred to one hundred and fifty pounds per hog five pence half penny per pound; from one hundred and fifty to two hundred pounds per hog, six pence per pound; ditto weighing more than two hundred pounds per hog, six pence halfpenny per pound; American made cheese of the best quality nine pence per pound; best grass-fed beef hide and tallow thirty-five shillings per hundred pounds neet; best stall-fed beef with the hide and tallow forty-eight shillings per hundred nett, and so in due proportion for beef of inferior quality; good butter per firkin

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or cask one shilling and three pence per pound, fresh butter by the smaller quantity one shilling and four pence per pound; raw hides four pence halfpenny per pound; good well tanned soal leather per pound two shillings; skins and all kinds of curried leather in due proportion; mens good neat leather shoes common sort twelve shillings a pair; best calfskin ditto fifteen shillings; womens and childrens shoes to be in usual and due proportion to the price of mens shoes; bloomery iron at the place of manufacture forty-eight pounds per ton and in proportion for a less quantity; refined iron fifty-six pounds per ton and in proportion for a less quantity; pig iron eighteen pounds per ton; best American manufactured steel fit for edged tools two shillings per pound, common steel made in America one shilling and four pence per pound, with addition of the cost of land carriage of the iron with which the steel is made, if any be; good West India rum by the wholesale eighteen shillings per gallon; molasses nine shillings per gallon; best muscovado sugar ten pounds per hundred groce weight, and all other sugars in usual proportion according to quality; coffee not exceeding four shillings and six pence per pound by the hundred; good whiskey seven shillings per gallon; New England rum, Geneva brandy, and other distilled spirits not before enumerated, not to exceed twelve shillings per gallon; that there may be allowed the cost of transportation or carriage of any of the articles before enumerated from the place of their growth, manufacture or the first port of delivery in this or any other of the United States to the place of sale, not exceeding the rate hereinafter stated for land carriage in addition to the prices to them affixed as aforesaid. That the price of team work or any kind of transportation by land shall not exceed the rate of two shillings and six pence for the carriage of twenty hundred neet weight per mile, including all expences attending the same. That no kinds of American manufactures and internal produce, not particularly enumerated in this act, shall be estimated or sold at prices exceeding seventy-five *per cent.* advance on the prices they were usually sold at in the several parts of this State in the year 1774. That the price of hemp, flax, sheeps wool, woolen and linnen cloaths, stockings, felt hats, wire and wool cards, manufactured in America, shall not be sold at more than double the price they were at in the several parts of the State in the year 1774. That salt manufactured in this State at the place where made shall not exceed twenty-seven shillings per bushell. That no goods, wares or merchandize imported from foreign parts and brought into this State by capture or otherwise, not herein particularly enumerated and stated, shall exceed the rate of one dollar continental currency for each shilling sterling prime cost of such goods in Europe or other foreign places where the same are purchased, exclusive of all other charges when sold from the importer or captors, excepting only the following articles, *viz:* All kinds of woolen and linnen goods and checks suitable for the army, broad cloths not exceeding seven shillings sterling per yard, and other woolen cloths in

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that proportion in value, Hollands and checks of all kinds not to exceed two shillings per yard prime cost in Europe, drugs and medicines, duck of all kinds, cordage, tin plates, copperas, alum, files, brimstone, felt hats, nails, window glass, salt, wire, steel, wool and cotton cards, naval and military stores. That all woolen cloths, blankets, linens, shoes, stockings, hats and other articles of cloathing suitable for the army heretofore imported, which are or shall be seized and taken by order of authority for the use of the army, shall be estimated at the rate of one dollar continental currency for each shilling sterling prime cost of such goods in Europe, with the addition of the stated allowance for land carriage, if any there be, to the place where taken; and in case the prime cost of any goods imported from foreign parts cannot be ascertained, the same shall be estimated by the judgment of two skillfull, judicious and disinterested men under oath. And all venders of imported articles shall produce an authentic invoice of the prime cost, made agreeable to the real cost of the goods at the foreign port where purchased, or if that cannot be done according to an estimate made as aforesaid; and when any vender of such goods is on tryal on a complaint for selling the same above the stated price he shall be adjudged guilty thereof unless he can shew by such authentic invoice or other sufficient evidence he is not guilty. That no traders, retailers or venders of foreign goods, wares or merchandizes, shall be allowed more than at the rate of twenty-five *per cent.* advance upon the price such goods, wares or merchandize are or shall be first sold at by the importer or captor, agreeable to this act, with addition only of the cost and charges of transporting them from the first port of delivery in this or a neighbouring State to the place where the same shall be sold and delivered by retail, not exceeding the price stated in this act for land carriage. That no innholder in this State shall receive more than fifty *per cent.* advance on the wholesale price of any liquors or any foreign articles herein stated and by them sold in small quantities, with additions only of the stated allowance for land carriage, if any be, nor for any other articles of entertainment, refreshment or forage, more than at the rate of seventy-five *per cent.* advance upon the price the same were at in the same places in the year 1774.

And be it further enacted, That the prices of labour, charges of innholders, and the prices of such articles of American produce and manufacture as are not particularly enumerated and stated in this act, shall be ascertained by the civil authority and selectmen in the respective towns in this State according to the rates or proportion in this act prescribed, who shall make a list of such articles with their prices affixed and lodge the same with the town-clerk by the 20th of March next; or if not compleated by that time as soon after as may be; and no person or persons shall receive more for any such article or articles than shall be affixed to them as aforesaid. And whosoever shall ask, demand, contract for, or receive for labour or any of the articles enumerated or described in this act more than at the rate or prices at

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which they are stated, either in bills of credit of this or the United States or by way of barter or exchange, shall forfeit and pay for every article for which a sum not exceeding forty shillings is received or contracted to be received a penalty of forty shillings, and for every article for which a greater sum is received or contracted to be received a penalty equal to the whole price contracted for or received for such labour done or article sold contrary to this act as aforesaid, to be recovered by bill, plaint, or information. And any person who shall be convicted before the county court and is unable to pay said penalty the court may dispose of such person in service on board any armed vessell belonging to this State, or in any regiment or company raised for the defence of this State, for a time sufficient to pay the same, and every person convicted of the breach of this act shall thenceforth be incapable of bearing any office, civil or military, in this State, or of prosecuting or maintaining any suit at law or of taking out any executions.

And be it further enacted, That no person resident in this State shall commence or maintain any suit either in law or equity in any court or before any assistant or justice of the peace in this State after the twentieth day of March next during the continuance of this act, unless and untill he shall take the following oath before lawfull authority, *viz:*

You swear by the everliving God, that you have not wittingly and willingly received or contracted to receive for any labour done or article sold by you or any other person in your behalf and with your knowledge and consent, since the 20th of March, 1778, *within this State, more than at the rate or price at which the same is stated by a law of this State entituled An act for the regulation of the prices of labour, produce, manufactures and commodities within this State:* So help you God.

And a certificate thereof shall be endorsed upon the writ or process or annexed thereto by the authority granting the same, and every writ or process granted without such certificate shall abate. Provided, nevertheless, that if any person who shall have been guilty of the breach of this act, against whom no prosecution hath been instituted, will and do render an account under oath before the county court or an assistant or justice of the peace of all that he shall have taken for any labour done or commodity sold over and above the stated price, and pay double the amount of such surplus to said authority, the one half or moiety thereof to the person or party injured and the other half to be disposed of as hereafter in this act is provided, for the use hereinafter mentioned, and the same being certifyed on any writ in favour of such person, the same shall be valid, anything before in this act to the contrary notwithstanding. And all sums of money received for fines or forfeitures by virtue of this act, on conviction or confession before the county court shall belong to the county treasury in the same county, but if the conviction or confession be before an assistant or justice of the peace, the forfeiture

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shall belong to the treasury of the town in which the conviction or confession is had, unless the same be recovered at the suit of the common informer, who on prosecuting the same to effect shall be entituled to the whole penalty. And whenever any person shall be brought to tryal for the breach of this act in receiving for labour or articles sold more than the stated price, such person shall be deemed and adjudged guilty thereof, although the complainant shall not be able to produce any other proof than to render it probable, unless such person shall make oath before the court before whom such person is on tryal, that he or she hath not been guilty of the facts charged against him or her in the complaint or information, which oath such court is hereby impowered to administer. And all informing officers are hereby authorized and directed to make diligent enquiry after and give information of all breaches of this act which shall come to their knowledge. And all goods and commodities that shall after the 20th of March next be impressed and taken for the use of this State or the United States agreeable to any laws heretofore made shall be paid for at the price stated in this act, anything in said former laws to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this act shall extend to hinder or prevent bartering or exchanging between neighbours according to the usages and customs in the several towns in this State in the year 1774, for their own families use and consumption only.

An Act in Addition to a Law of this State entituled An Act for the Direction of Listers in their Office and Duty.

Whereas it may frequently happen that the listers in the several towns in this State by mistake may miscast the lists of their respective towns, whereby repeated applications are made to this Assembly: Which to prevent,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That whenever it shall so happen that the listers in any town in this State shall inadvertently miscast the lists of such town, it shall be the duty of such listers to certify the same under their hand to the Treasurer of this State, specifying the amount of the sums so miscast; and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to abate said sums out of or add them to the general list of such town as the circumstances of the case shall require.

An Act more effectually to prevent Illicit Trade.

Whereas sundry ill-minded persons have and do continue to carry on a clandestine trade and commerce with the enemies of the United States of America, to the great danger of the liberties and safety of the good people of these States: Which to prevent;

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person or persons whatsoever shall at any time pass or go from any

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place or town in this State to Long Island or any other island or place in the possession of or under the controul of the enemy, untill he or they shall first obtain a licence or permit therefor in writing under the hands of the selectmen of such town where he or they shall go from, or the major part of them, and one assistant or justice of the peace, on penalty of one hundred pounds, lawfull money, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information. And if on conviction before any court proper to try the same such delinquent shall refuse or be unable to pay said fine or penalty, said delinquent shall by such court be bound over to serve in any company raised for the defence of this State or on board any ship or vessell of war belonging to this or the United States without any bounty or wages, or be confined in goal, at the discretion of the court before whom such conviction is had, for any term, not exceeding one year.

And be it further enacted, That said selectmen and civil authority shall not give such licence or permit to any person or persons whatsoever untill he or they become bound with sufficient surety to the Treasurer of this State in the penal sum of four hundred pounds, and lodge the same with such authority, with conditions that he or they shall not, directly or indirectly, carry with them any money, wares, goods or merchandize whatsoever, for the purpose of carrying on any trade or commerce with the enemy or with any person or persons whatsoever on any of the said islands or places within the enemies lines or possession, and that he or they shall not by any way or means whatever purchase or buy any such wares, goods or merchandize, at or on any of the islands or places within the enemies lines aforesaid, or import the same into this or any of the United States during the present war.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any wares, goods or merchandize shall be found in this State imported from Long Island or any other of the aforesaid islands or places within the enemies lines contrary to this act, shall be deemed forfeit to the finder, and whoever shall find the same may apply to some assistant or justice of the peace, who, on the application of such finder and his giving sufficient bond for prosecution, are hereby impowered and directed to grant out a writ or warrant directed to some proper officer to seize the same and them keep in safe custody untill released by due order of law; and said finder may and shall libel the same and proceed to tryal in and before the maritime court in such county where such goods are found, in the same manner as by law is provided in case of captures taken from the enemy on the sea; and if any such goods are taken in the Sound going from this State to Long Island or any other island or place within the enemies lines, or coming from any of the said islands or places contrary to this act, they shall be deemed lawfull prizes to the captors, and shall be subject to be libelled and proceeded with in the same manner as in other captures taken from the enemy.

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And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the selectmen of the several towns in this State shall have full power and authority, by and with the advice of some one assistant or justice of the peace for their respective counties, at their discretion to hawl up or otherwise secure any vessell, boat, skiff or other water-craft, which they shall have reason to suspect is intended to be improved for carrying on any of the evil practices forbidden in this act: Provided nevertheless, that this act shall not extend to prevent any friendly refugee from the islands aforesaid resident in this State from bringing over any of his or their effects left on said islands, or the produce of their lands or farms thereon, having first procured a licence or permit from the selectmen and civil authority as aforesaid for that purpose.

Whereas by a resolution of Congress of the 22d of November last, it is recommended to this State to raise in the course of the current year by taxes for the uses of the United States for the supplys of the present war the sum of six hundred thousand dollars, which sum is not to be considered as the proportion of this State, but when raised and paid in to be placed to its credit bearing an interest of six *per cent. per annum* from the time of payment untill the respective quotas shall be finally ascertained and adjusted by the Congress of the United States agreeable to the confederation hereafter to be adopted and ratifyed by said States; which recommendation is approved by this Assembly: And in order to carry the same into execution,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That a tax of one shilling on the pound be laid on the list of polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State given in for the year 1777, with the additions, to be levied and paid into the treasury by the first day of June next; and that a further tax of one shilling on the pound be laid on said list as aforesaid, to be levied and paid into the treasury by the first day of November next; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to issue his warrants accordingly. Provided nevertheless, that for the relief of the indigent, who may be unable to pay their proportion of said taxes, the civil authority and selectmen in the several towns are authorized and directed to abate either the whole or a part of the rates of such of the inhabitants of their respective towns as they shall judge stand in most need of such abatement, to the amount of one-twentieth part of such town's quota of said taxes, and lodge a list of such abatements with the town clerk and deliver a copy thereof to the collector, and the collectors shall be allowed credit for said abatement in their settlement with the Treasurer. And the Treasurer shall pay to the order of the Congress of the United States the amount of six hundred thousand dollars out of money that shall be brought into the treasury by said taxes, and debit the same to the account of the United States.

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And be it further enacted and ordered, That the Treasurer shall forthwith issue his warrants for collecting both the aforesaid taxes; and the collectors upon receipt thereof shall make up both said rates, that any persons who may choose to pay their proportion both at once may have opportunity.

Whereas by a resolution of Congress of the 22d of November last it is recommended to the Legislatures of the several States to refrain from further emissions of bills of credit, and where there is a sufficient quantity of continental bills of credit for the purposes of a circulating medium, forthwith to call in by loans or taxes and to cancel the paper money, small bills for change under a dollar excepted, which such State has already emitted, and provide for the future support of government by taxes to be levied within the year, or such other expedients as may produce a competent supply; which recommendation is approved: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That none of the bills of credit emitted by order of the General Assembly of this State, except bills under the value of one dollar, shall be current in any payment, trade or dealing in this State, after the twentieth day of March next, except in the State treasury or in payment of public taxes; nor shall any of said bills be received into the treasury after the first day of July next, except from persons in the army or others who reside or are absent out of this State and have not opportunity to bring in the same by that time, upon proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Treasurer, the same may be received by him at any time before the first day of November next, and not afterward. That the possessors of said bills, on delivering them into the treasury within the time limited as aforesaid, shall receive of the Treasurer his promissory notes, or bills emitted on the credit of the United States, in exchange therefor That the Treasurer be authorized to issue such notes payable at the expiration of one year after the date with interest at the rate of six *per cent. per annum*, of like form and tenor of those issued by act of the General Assembly in May last: the amount of the notes to be so issued not to exceed two hundred and thirty-five thousand pounds, nor any of them to be for a sum less than ten pounds.

An Act in Addition to an Act made and passed by the General Assembly holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, 1777, entituled An Act for raising and compleating the Quota of the Continental Army to be raised in this State.

Whereas in and by said act it is provided and enacted that any two men belonging to this State and not of the continental army, who shall procure an able-bodied soldier or recruit to inlist into either of the continental battalions to be raised in this State for the term of three years or during the war, shall be exempted from actual service, and from all drafts during the term for which they shall so procure

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such soldier or recruit to inlist: And whereas it is represented to this Assembly that sundry persons in this State have thereupon in a fraudulent manner presumed to procure to inlist prisoners of war belonging to the British fleet or army and stationed within this State:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person whatsoever shall be so exempted on account of any soldier or recruit hereafter procured to be inlisted, untill he shall procure from and under the hand of some proper recruiting officer a duplicate written certificate, specifying the name and place of abode of the soldier or recruit so inlisted, the time of his inlistment, the term of time for which he is inlisted, and the name and place of abode of each person procuring such soldier or recruit to inlist, nor untill such certificate shall be delivered to and lodged with the commanding officer of the military company to which such exempted person belongs, nor in any instance where any recruit procured to inlist shall appear to have been at the time of such inlistment a prisoner of war or belonging to the British army or navy; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union proposed by Congress to be entered into by the thirteen United States of America being laid before this Assembly by his Excellency the Governor were read and maturely considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, as the opinion of this Assembly, That said articles in general appear to be well adapted to cement and preserve the union of said States, to secure their freedom and independence and promote their general welfare: but that with some amendments they may be rendered more perfect, equitable and satisfactory. Wherefore the Delegates of this State are hereby instructed to propose to the consideration of Congress the following amendments, *viz:*

1. That in the eighth Article, as a rule for determining each State's proportion of the common expence, instead of the value of the lands, buildings &c., as expressed in said Article, be inserted the number of inhabitants in each State; this being in the opinion of this Assembly a more certain, equitable and practicable rule than the other. Trade and manufactures, which employ and support great numbers of inhabitants, being sources of wealth to a State as well as the produce of lands; besides it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to obtain such an estimate of the value of the lands and buildings in the United States as would do justice or give satisfaction to the several States.

2. That next after the fifth paragraph in the 9th Article be inserted the following clause, *viz:* Provided, that no land army shall be kept up by the United States in time of peace, nor any officers or pensioners kept in pay by them who are not in actual service, except such as are or may be rendered unable to support themselves by

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wounds received in battle in the service of said States, agreeable to the provision already made by a resolution of Congress.

The foregoing amendments being agreed to in substance may be made in such manner and form as Congress shall think proper.

And whereas other amendments may be proposed by some of the other States, and it being highly expedient for the welfare and security of the said States that the Articles of Confederation be finally concluded and ratifyed as soon as possible: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Delegates of this State who shall be present in Congress be and they are hereby fully authorized and impowered in behalf of this State. to agree to and ratify the said Articles of Confederation with such amendments, if any be, as by them in conjunction with the Delegates of the other States in Congress shall be thought proper.

An Act for raising two Brigades for the Defence of this State.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment six battalions, to be held in constant readiness to march upon the shortest notice upon any tour of duty wherever the militia of this State are liable to be called; which battalions shall consist of eight companys each, and each company of ninety men including officers, each of the field officers to command a company; each company (except the field officers) to be commanded by one captain, and every company to have two lieutenants and one ensign, four serjeants, four corporals, one drum and one fife; each battalion to be commanded by one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel and one major, who shall be appointed by the General Assembly of this State, which said field officers of each battalion shall nominate all the commissioned and staff officers of said battalions out of such as have borne like commissions, and to be commissioned by the Governor; and there shall be appointed to each battalion one adjutant, one quarter-master, one surgeon, a serjeant-major and quartermaster-serjeant. Which said battalions shall be formed into two brigades, each to be under the command of a brigadier general to be appointed by the General Assembly. And the non-commissioned officers and soldiers who shall inlist into the said battalions and furnish themselves with a good gun and bayonet, cartouch-box, blanket and knapsack, shall be allowed as a premium therefor, *viz:* ten shillings for a gun and bayonet, two shillings for a cartouch-box, sixteen shillings for a blanket, and two shillings for a knapsack. And the said brigadier generals shall each have power to appoint a brigade major to each brigade; and each able-bodied and effective private who shall inlist and furnish himself as aforesaid shall be entituled to a bounty of three pounds ten shillings, exclusive of what is before allowed, and shall receive the sum of twenty shillings per kalendar month during his continuance in said battalion when they are not upon duty, and all com-

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missioned, non-commissioned and staff officers in said battalion shall receive half pay when they are not upon duty. And whenever they shall be called into actual service both officers and soldiers shall be entituled to the same pay, wages and rations, as the continental troops raised in this State have; and if called and while serving out of this State, to the same refreshments on the same terms as said continental troops, and their polls shall be exempted from all taxes during their continuance in said battalions.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That said battalions shall be kept up untill the first day of March, 1779, unless sooner discharged; and each of said companies shall be called out for military exercise once in every fifteen days, and said battalions shall be called out for regimental exercise three times in a year, at the discretion of the colonel, and shall receive the same wages and rations when called out as aforesaid as when in actual service: Provided nevertheless, that said battalions nor any detachment therefrom shall be continued in actual service more than three months at any one time, to be computed from the time they shall arrive at the place of their destination; and the said battalions shall be under the articles, rules and regulations formed by this State for preserving order, good government and discipline among the militia of this State when called into actual service. And said regiments shall be furnished with a sufficient quantity of cartridges, which shall be lodged in the hands of the commanding officer of each company, to be by him delivered out at his discretion as occasion may require; and each regiment with one ammunition waggon, which shall be always in readiness for use; and when occasion requires each company shall be supplied with a baggage cart or waggon, tents and other camp equipage, for which tents the commanding officer of each company shall be accountable to the town from which they are received, and for the baggage carts or waggons and the camp equipage of his company to the Treasurer of this State.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there be forthwith raised by inlistment as aforesaid two companies of matrosses or artillery, to consist of fifty men in each company including officers, to be inlisted and raised one out of each of said brigades, and shall have the same pay and wages as other matross companies in this State, and the same premium, and to be under the same regulations as to their pay and tours of duty as said battalions: each company to be commanded by one captain, one captain-lieutenant, one lieutenant, one lieutenant fire-worker, four serjeants, four corporals, one drum and fife, and each of said companies of artillery shall have four field-pieces and one ammunition waggon provided by this State and horses to draw the same, and shall be furnished with such a quantity of ammunition as the brigadier general shall think needfull; and said artillery companies shall belong one to each brigade, and have said field-pieces and stores kept at such places and stations as the said brigadier-general shall order and direct for the safety of this State.

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Be it further enacted, That said battalions shall be from time to time subject to the orders of this Assembly, to the orders of his Excellency the Commander-in-chief of this State, and other their superior officers. And his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety are authorized to make any orders and directions for carrying this act into execution which may appear to be wanting and necessary: Provided, that if said battalions shall not be filled up in a reasonable time it shall be in the power of the Governor, with the advice of the Council of Safety in the recess of the General Assembly, to discharge so many of the commissioned officers as are supernumerary in proportion to the privates, according to the rules adopted by Congress, and such officers shall be allowed their proper wages to the time of their discharge.

Resolved by this Assembly, That bills of credit of the United States may be received by the Treasurer towards filling up the loan ordered in the present session for calling in and sinking the bills of credit of this State, and exchange the same for the bills of this State that may be brought into the treasury.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby impowered and directed to adjust and settle the accounts of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers belonging to this State that were captivated on Long Island, in New York, Fort Washington and places adjacent, while in the service of the United States, and returned home between the first day of November, 1776, and the first day of February, 1777, and were sick with the small-pox or other disorders upon or soon after their return, which distempers it shall appear to have been taken before their return home, and draw orders on the Treasurer for what they shall find justly due for the charge and expences occasioned by such sickness, and charge the same to the United States.

Resolved by this Assembly, That six hundred copies of the act passed this Assembly for regulating prices of labour &c. be forthwith printed, and that Ezekiel Williams, Esqr, be desired and directed forthwith to send a proper proportion of said copys to the several sheriffs in the respective counties, with orders to send a proper proportion thereof to the several towns in their counties by a special carryer, provided no opportunity shall immediately present to send the same otherwise. And the said Ezekiel Williams, Esqr, and the several sheriffs are directed to lay their accounts before the Committee of Pay-Table, who are hereby directed to adjust the same and draw proper orders on the Treasurer for the payment thereof.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Wednesday, the 15th day of April next, be appointed to be observed as a day of solemn humiliation,

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fasting and prayer throughout this State, and his Excellency the Governor is desired to issue his proclamation accordingly.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That a printed copy of the act passed the present session, for regulating labour, produce and commodities in this State, be transmitted to Congress and to the Legislatures of the States of New Hampshire, Massachusets Bay, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; and the Secretary is directed to transmit the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That three hundred copys of an act of this Assembly in their present session, entituled An act for raising two brigades for the defence of this State, be forthwith printed; and the sheriff of the county of Hartford is directed to cause the same to be done, to receive and forthwith convey one of them to each of the brigadiers and 32 to each of the colonels appointed to command said brigades and the several regiments therein, to be by them properly distributed to their subordinate officers. And said sheriff is to retain the remainder, to be sent as soon as may be one to the town clerk of each of the respective towns in this State.

Whereas this Assembly at their sessions in January last ordered that sundry companies of matrosses should be raised for the garrisons at New London, Groton &c., and to defend the sea coasts, and it being now represented to this Assembly that said matrosses cannot be raised agreeable to the plan then adopted,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the company of fifty ordered for Groton and Stonington be all stationed at Groton: said company to have the same number of non-commission officers as was stationed there last year; and that an additional number of twenty men, including 1 sergeant, 1 corporal, commanded by one lieutenant, shall be raised for the fort at Stonington under the same rules and regulations as those ordered to be raised in January. That there be a bounty of £4 0 0 given to each non-commission officer and private that shall engage in said service and be furnished as in said January resolve is directed. That there be some proper person appointed to command the forts at New London, Groton and Stonington, with the rank and pay of a major, and to superintend the works, give proper orders about the military stores and tools in said fortifications, to continue in service untill the first of January next.

And it is further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety be directed and impowered to appoint said officers and give proper directions to carry into execution this resolution in addition to the said January resolve.

* March 7th, 1778, Congress recommended setting apart Wednesday, April 22d, as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, and March 21st, Gov. Trumbull issued a proclamation accordingly.

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Resolved, That Joseph Thomson, colonel of the second regiment of militia in this State, immediately order a guard of twenty-four men for the defence of the town of New Haven, to be draughted from the several companies in said regiment, to be commanded by one lieutenant, one serjeant and one corporal, to act under the direction of the said Colonel Thomson; and Jonathan Fitch, Esqr, commissary, is directed to supply them with provisions: they to continue in service untill the first day of April next, unless sooner discharged.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Joseph Spencer, Esqr, to be a member of the Council of Safety for this State untill the rising of this Assembly in May next, in the room of Titus Hosmer, Esqr, resigned.

Whereas Major Thomson, commanding officer present of the continental battalion now stationed at Farmington in this State and under marching orders to proceed to the Saw Pitts in the State of New York, has represented to his Excellency the Governor that said battalion is destitute of money and a number of articles of cloathing necessary for a march, and suggesting the difficulty of complying with said orders untill they are supplyed with a sufficient sum of money and the necessary articles of cloathing from this State or elsewhere: And whereas it appears to this Assembly that said battalion have lately received an ample supply of cloathing, excepting the articles of stockings, shoes and shirts, of which they are but partly deficient, and that they will probably soon receive their pay, or so much thereof as will be necessary to procure such articles and to assist them on their march:

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby desired to write the commanding officer of said battalion on the subject, signifying that he expects him to march said battalion to the place of destination, pursuant to orders given him, as soon as the circumstances of said battalion will render such march practicable, and to excite him by proper and vigorous exertion to surmount every obstacle that may hinder their affording the necessary service required. And his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety are hereby authorized and impowered (if necessary) to afford such aid and assistance as they shall judge expedient, to expedite the march of said battalion; charging the expenditures they may be at to the account of the United States.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all the powers and authorities given to the Governor and Council of Safety of this State be, in the absence of the Governor, executed by the Deputy Governor and Council of Safety.*

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* This communication had been sent in by the Governor:

To the Honble General Assembly of the State of Connecticut now sitting at Hartford:

Governor Trumbull taketh this method to inform, that his indisposition is such

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Whereas by a resolve of the General Assembly of this State passed in their sessions in May, 1775, Jabez Hamlin, Mathew Talcott and Titus Hosmer, Esq^{rs}, were appointed a committee to provide such stores of lead as they should think necessary for the State, and in behalf thereof to purchase the lead ore that then was or thereafter might be raised out of the lead mine in Midletown, and to procure said ore to be refined and fitted for use, and to erect any furnace or building necessary for that purpose, and to draw on the Treasurer of this State from time to time any sums of money for said purposes as might be needful, not exceeding the sum of four hundred pounds in the whole: And whereas it appears to this Assembly that said manufacture is unprofitable and far from answering the expectations of the public and the salutary purposes for which it was designed:

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That the manufacture aforesaid, so far as this State is interested, and as soon as the stock on hand, if any be, shall be wrought and the circumstances of the works shall admit of consistently with the good of this State, be discontinued, and the same is hereby discontinued accordingly.

Whereas this Assembly in their sessions in October last resolved and ordered five thousand two hundred and fifty pounds in bills of two pence, three pence, four pence, five pence, and seven pence, sixty thousand bills of each, and appointed John Chester and others a committee to sign said bills without fee or reward, and directed the Treasurer to deliver said bills to said committee or either of them. taking from them bills of credit of this State to the amount of such bills, which proves burthensome to said committee: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Colo. Isaac Lee, Major Gad Stanly, Mr. Pierpoint Edwards, Mr. Ezra Brownson, Ephraim Root, Constant Southworth, Lynde Lord, and Reuben Smith, Esq^{rs}, Mr. Thomas Hayes and Maj^{r} Hezekiah Bissell, Colo. Comfort Sage and Mr. Joseph Webb, be, and they or either of them are appointed a committee, in addition to said former committee, to assist them in signing the bills aforesaid without fee or reward. And the Treasurer is hereby directed to deliver to said former committee the remainder of said bills now in his hands, taking their receipts or promissory notes payable to the Governor and Company of this State on demand.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the sheriff of Hartford county be directed to procure to be printed in octavo one thousand copies of the articles, rules and regulations for preserving order, good government

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that he is unable to attend on public business; that he intends to take the first favourable weather to return home; that he wisheth them wisdom, influence and direction in all the important affairs before them.

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and discipline, among the militia and other forces of this State when called into actual service for the defence and security of the same; and that he distribute them to the several colonels or commanding officers of regiments in proportion to the number of companies in their respective regiments.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Richmond Berry, Philip Buck, Thomas Silk, Edward Hicks, Edward Hix jun^{r}, John Young, Jacob Bowman, Adam Bowman jun^{r}, Jacob Brenner, John Henry Short, Henry Hover, John Hover, Nicholas Philips, Nicholas Philips jun^{r}, John Phillips, Jacob Anguish, George Kentner, and Frederick Frank, who were lately taken in arms against the inhabitants of the United States by the militia of Westmoreland and sent to the deputy commissary general of prisoners in this State, as prisoners, ought to be received by said commissary and treated as prisoners of war: Provided, that nothing in this resolve shall be understood to excuse them or any of them from any treasonable or other offences against the laws of any particular State, or from being dealt with accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the sheriff of the county of Hartford be directed to procure 100 copies of the several resolutions of Congress relative to the Continental Loan Office to be printed as soon as may be, and send a due proportion of the same to the sheriffs of the other counties, by them to be transmitted to the several persons appointed by this Assembly to receive subscriptions for said loan office.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a company consisting of one subaltern, three serjeants and thirty privates be immediately raised by voluntary inlistment, to guard the Treasurer and Loan Officer's office, the Secretary and Pay-Table's offices, agreeable to orders from the Treasurer, Secretary and Committee of Pay-Table from time to time, and said company to receive half pay and to be exempted from other military duty during their continuance in said service, and to continue in service untill the first day of June next, unless sooner discharged.

It being represented to this Assembly by Brigadier General Parsons, by his letter of the 27th of Feb^{y}, 1778, that a number of teams are absolutely necessary for the transportation of provisions from the borders of this and the State of New York to King's Ferry or other places on the North River, for the use of the troops under the command of his Excellency General Washington, which cannot be procured in the ordinary way,

Therefore it is resolved by this Assembly, That upon application being made by the said Brig. General Parsons to any assistant or justice of the peace in the county of Fairfield or Litchfield in this State, praying that teams may be impressed &c., it shall be the duty

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of such assistant or justice of the peace, and who are hereby ordered and directed, forthwith to grant and issue proper warrant or warrants, directed to any proper officer or person, to impress such a number of teams as the said Brigadier General Parsons shall think necessary for the purpose aforesaid, and apply for the payment of the expence to the Quarter-Master-General; and if payment shall not be obtained, then to lay their accounts before the Committee of Pay-Table for adjustment, and said committee are to draw on the Treasurer of this State for payment thereof and charge the same to the United States.

Whereas the late regiments raised by this State, commanded by Colonels Enos and Ely, have been ordered out of the same and thereby been subjected to greater hardships and expence than was expected at the time of their engagement, in consideration for which this Assembly have already heretofore made an allowance to the captains and also to the non-commission officers and soldiers, which makes it reasonable that the subalterns should be likewise considered: Wherefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That each lieutenant, adjutant and quarter-master, in said regiments have and receive the sum of six pounds, and each ensign therein the sum of five pounds, in compensation for their extraordinary marches and expence as aforesaid; and the Pay-Table is hereby directed to settle the same and draw on the Treasurer for the payment thereof accordingly.

Whereas the listers of the town of Kent having certifyed to this Assembly that the additions to the list of the polls and rateable estates of the town aforesaid for the year 1777 amounts, including the assessments, to the sum of five hundred and eighty-five pounds: Resolved by this Assembly, therefore, that the same be accepted and approved and added to the general list of said town returned to this Assembly in January last; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed to send out his warrant to collect the taxes arising on the same.

Whereas the three regiments of light-horse belonging to this State on the west side of Connecticut River marched in the summer of the year 1776, under the command of Lieut. Colonel Thomas Seymour to the assistance of the continental army then at New York, for which service they have not received their pay: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Lieut. Colonel Seymour be and he is hereby ordered and directed forthwith to procure from the commanding officer of each of the troops in said regiment a pay-roll of the troop under his command while in said service, except where such pay-roll has been already received, and thereupon make up a proper pay-abstract and the same present to the Commander-in-Chief of the continental army, or other proper officer or officers, for acceptance and payment of the ballance due thereon, and on receipt thereof to pay to the commanding officer

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of each troop the sum due to said troop, deducting such sum as may be already advanced to such troop, and the residue to the Treasurer of this State, and lay his account of expences in the premises before the General Assembly, that such orders may be had thereon as shall be just and reasonable.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all the causes and matters depending at the superior court to be held at New Haven in the county of New Haven on the last Tuesday of February instant be and the same are hereby ordered to be continued to the superior court to be held at New Haven in and for the county of New Haven on the last Tuesday of August next, to be there tryed and determined, and that all parties concerned take notice and give their attendance accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all the causes and matters depending in the superior court to be held at Fairfield in the county of Fairfield on the last Tuesday save one in February instant be and they are hereby continued to the superior court to be held at said Fairfield in and for the county of Fairfield on the last Tuesday save one in August next, to be then and there tryed and determined according to law, and all persons concerned are to take notice and give their attendance accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all the causes and matters depending in the superior court at Litchfield in the county of Litchfield, which now stands adjourned from the second Tuesday of February instant, be and the same are hereby continued to the superior court to be held at Litchfield in and for the county of Litchfield on the last Tuesday save two in August next, to be then and there tryed and determined according to law, and all persons concerned are to take notice and give their attendance accordingly.

This Assembly do appoint Roger Enos, Esqr, to be Colonel, Howell Woodbridge, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel, and Abiel Pease, Esqr, to be Major of one of the six battalions now to be raised for the defence of this and the United States.

This Assembly do appoint Thaddeus Cook, Esqr, to be Colonel, James Arnold, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel, and Abraham Tyler, Esqr, to be Major of one of the six battalions now to be raised for the defence of this and the United States.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Mott, Esqr, to be Colonel, Nathan Gallop, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel, and Joshua Huntington, Esqr, to be Major of one of the six battalions now to be raised for the defence of this and the United States.

This Assembly do appoint John Mead, Esqr, to be Colonel, Ely Mygatt, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and Eleazer Curtiss, jun^{r}, to

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be Major of one of the six battalions now to be raised for the defence of this and the United States.

This Assembly do appoint Noadiah Hooker to be Colonel, Seth Smith, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and Bezaleel Bebee, Esqr, to be Major of one of the six battalions now to be raised for the defence of this and the United States.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel McClellan, Esqr, to be Colonel, Thomas Brown, Esqr, to be Lieutenant Colonel, and Levi Wells, Esqr, to be Major of one of the six battalions now to be raised for the defence of this and the United States.

Whereas the General Assembly of this State, in their sessions at Hartford in January last, by a resolve doomed the towns of New Milford and New Hartford for their neglect in returning their lists according to law: And whereas the said towns have now complyed with their duty and made returns to this Assembly agreeable to law; praying this Assembly to reverse their dooms respectively and accept of their several lists as returned, amounting for the town of New Milford to the sum of £29405, 19, 8, together with £378, 0, 0 fourfold assessments, and for the town of New Hartford to the sum of £11280, 2, 0: Resolved by this Assembly, that the excuses made by said towns respectively be accepted and the said dooms be reversed, and the returns as above mentioned be received; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to receive said returns and send out his warrants accordingly.

Whereas the General Assembly of this State, in their session at Hartford in January last, by a resolve doomed the town of Willington for their neglect in returning their list according to law: And whereas the said town of Willington has now complyed with their duty and made return to this Assembly as the law directs; praying that their said doom may be reversed and their list accepted, amounting to the sum of £9720, 16, 6: Resolved by this Assembly, that the excuses made by said town, as per their memorial, be accepted and the said doom be reversed, and the abovesaid return be received, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to receive said return and send out his warrant accordingly.

An Act for regulating the Transportation of Private Property by Ox-Teams.

Whereas the transporting of private property or the goods and effects of particular persons from place to place in and through this State has greatly increased, and employs so great a number of oxen as threatens to lessen the business of agriculture and the raising of grain and provisions for the use of the people, and shortens the supply of beef for the use of the army of the United States:

Be it enacted, therefore, by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,

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That from and after the first day of April next no private property, that is to say no goods, wares, merchandize or effects whatsoever, not belonging to the United States, to this State, or to any of the neighbouring States, and transporting by their order or by order of some proper and lawfull officer of the United States, or either of them, shall be transported from place to place in this State, or through the same, by any inhabitants of, or oxen owned within this State, in or on any waggons, cars, carts or carriages whatsoever, drawn by or wherein is employed and used more than one pair of oxen; on penalty that the owner or owners of such oxen and private property shall forfeit the whole of such goods or wares as aforesaid, and all oxen more than one pair used as aforesaid, in manner as hereafter provided.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of all continental officers of this or any other of the United States and other persons, who shall employ any team or carriage for transportation of any goods or effects whatsoever, wherein more than one pair of oxen are used, to furnish the driver of such team, or the conductor of any number of such teams when more than one are employed and go in company, or some one driver or overseer in or of such company, with a permit or certificate, signed with the proper name and office, if any, of the person or persons employing or sending such team or teams, expressing the date or time when given, the place from and to which such goods are transporting, to whom they belong, and the number of teams employed therein, without which no such team shall be allowed to pass in this State, except as hereafter excepted. And it shall be the duty of the grand-jurors and constables of the several towns respectively, and shall be lawfull for any freeholders of this State, having taken the oath of fidelity, on sight or information of any such goods, wares or merchandize, carrying or transporting in or through this State, which may be suspected to be contrary to the true intent of this act, to make due enquiry of such driver, conductor or overseer, or otherwise obtain the best information he or they shall be able concerning the property of such goods. And if on such inquiry or information such person shall not find satisfying evidence that such goods are transporting within the liberty of this act, it shall be the duty of such informing officer, and lawfull for such other person, to inform and apply to the next assistant or justice of the peace for a warrant to seize and stop such team and goods and convene before such authority any such driver, conductor or overseer, to be examined in the premises, which warrant such authority are authorized and shall grant, taking fees as the law requires, directed to a proper officer or, if he shall judge necessary, to any indifferent person; and if on due enquiry and examination such court or authority shall be of opinion that such goods are transported contrary to the intent of this act, they shall give judgment and orders for the due and safe keeping of such goods, and all oxen above one pair used as aforesaid; and shall certify all the proceedings in the premises to

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the county court of the county where such goods shall be stopped at their next session, who shall take cognizance thereof, and if no person shall appear to claim said oxen, goods or articles, or shall not satisfy said court that the said goods were when seized transporting within the liberty of this act, such court shall give judgment and sentence declaring said goods and oxen to be forfeited to the Treasurer of and for the use of this State.

Always provided, That when judgment shall be given at the suit and prosecution of any such common informer, one half or moiety of said forfeiture shall be and belong to such informer, and said court may and shall by warrant authorize the sheriff of said county, his deputy, or constable of the town where such goods and oxen are taken, to sell and dispose of the same at public vendue, or in such way as said court may direct, who shall render an account of and be amenable to said court for his conduct in the premises and receive such allowance for his service and trouble therein as said court shall allow, and the remainder pay and deliver according to the judgment and order of said court: all costs attending said process as taxed and allowed by said court being first deducted.

And be it further enacted, That if on examination before such assistant or justice in the first instance, or on tryal before such county court, it shall appear that such goods were transporting within the liberty of this act, the party examined or on tryal shall recover reasonable costs to be allowed by said court, and where the information is by an informing officer, such cost shall be paid out of the town or county treasury of the town or county where the examination and tryal is had and shall be repaid by the treasury of this State, and such assistant, justice or court are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of said State for the same, expressing the account on and for which the same is drawn: Always provided, that where it shall appear that any such driver, conductor or overseer of any such team had and did neglect and refuse in the first instance to shew his permit or certificate and give such informer all the reasonable satisfaction and information in his or their power concerning the property of such goods and his or their right to transport the same, no cost shall be allowed in favour of such owner or driver by such assistant or justice, or by such court on tryal, although such goods may be acquitted or released.

Provided nevertheless, and it is further enacted, That this act shall not extend or be construed to extend to any teams carrying or transporting masts, mill-stones, iron oar and pig iron, wood, or to any person or persons using his or their own or neighbours oxen or team in and about any lawfull or usual business within the town to which he belongs, or carrying his own or neighbors effects, grain or provisions, to any man or convenient town or place for the use of such town or the inhabitants of this State, or returning home with such effects as he may have occasion to carry or bring unto any persons removing their family or household goods.

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That this act shall continue and be in force till the rising of the General Assembly in May next, and no longer.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the furnace or foundery at Salisbury with the appurtenances and all other buildings and estate of Richard Smith, late of Boston, situate in said Salisbury, shall be improved and occupied the year ensuing and untill further order of this Assembly, for the use and benefit of this State, in such manner as the Governor and Council of Safety of this State shall order and direct, who are hereby authorized and impowered to make such contracts, rules and orders, for managing the same as they shall judge most beneficial and conducive to the public good.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Major Andrew Adams, Lynde Lord and Samuel Forbs, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to settle the accounts current between this State and Colo. Joshua Porter and with the present managers of the furnace at Salisbury, relative to all past blasts; and for that purpose said committee are impowered and directed to inspect and examine all accounts relative to the premises that may be exhibited to them for that purpose or necessary for the accomplishment of said business, and report make.

Upon the memorial of Amos Hubbel and others, shewing to this Assembly that the guard of twenty-five men under the command of Lieut. Aaron Hawley, stationed at New Field Harbour in the town of Stratford, hath been confined to a place ill-calculated to discover the enemy or prevent their landing should they attempt it, which gave great uneasiness to the inhabitants; praying that a sergeant's guard might be appointed to be stationed on the Sound near the dividing line between the towns of Fairfield and Stratford, and that said Hawley and his party be dismist &c.; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the commanding officer of the fourth regiment be and he is hereby directed and impowered to order a serjeant's guard to be stationed in the most convenient place on the Sound near the dividing line between the towns of Fairfield and Stratford, to continue in said service during the pleasure of this Assembly. And the said Lieut. Aaron Hawley is hereby ordered to deliver the two field-pieces together with the public stores he has in his possession to the said commanding officer of the fourth regiment till the further order of this Assembly. And that the said Aaron Hawley and his party be dismissed from said service, and they are hereby dismissed accordingly.

Upon the complaint of Major Thomas Bull against Cornet Asahel Hays and Cornet William Wadsworth, for not obeying orders of their superior officers &c., on which complaint a committee has been appointed

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and made their report, which has been accepted, as per complaint &c. on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Asahel Hays be and he is hereby dismissed from his said office and also pay the cost that has arisen in the premises. And that the said William Wadsworth also pay the cost and be thereupon discharged from any further prosecution; which said cost in both cases is allowed by this Assembly to be £11. 11. 2, to be equally between them; and the Secretary is directed to issue his execution for the same accordingly.

Ex^n granted March 13*th*, 1778.

Upon the complaint of Capt. Eliphalet Curtiss against Lieut. Elijah Case, for desertion &c., on which a committee have been appointed and made their report, which is accepted &c., as per complaint &c. on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Lieut. Elijah Case be and he is hereby cashiered and ordered to pay the cost that has arisen in the premises, allowed by this Assembly to be £5 9 0; and the Secretary is directed to issue an execution for the same accordingly. *Execution granted Jan^y* 29*th*, 1779.

Whereas it hath been represented to this Assembly that Abel Pettibone, of Symsbury in the county of Hartford, captain of a company in a regiment raised by this State for the defence of the sea-coasts and frontiers of this State commanded by Colo. Roger Enos, to serve until the first day of January last, did on or about the 20th day of December last past inlist into his said company one Francis Northeway of Farmington as a private in said company, and paid him the bounty ordered by this Assembly, and made up his abstract and inserted the name of the said Francis Northeway as having inlisted on the 6th day of October, and by antedating the said time of inlistment of the said Francis Northeway he, the said Abel, did draw out of the public treasury of this State more than two months wages than was justly due to said soldier inlisted as aforesaid, for his own private emolument and to the detriment of this State: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Secretary of this State be and he is hereby directed to issue a proper citation directed to a lawfull officer, to cite the said Abel Pettibone to appear before this Assembly at their present session, to be examined in the premises and matters aforesaid and to be further dealt with. And the State Attorney for the county of Hartford is directed to prepare the evidence in the case and manage the same in behalf of the State.

Upon the complaint of Samuel Chapman, Esqr, colonel of the 22d regiment of militia in this State, against Paul Blodget, captain of the sixth military company in said regiment, shewing that the said Paul when ordered and employed in the public service near New York in the year 1776 scandalously endeavoured to desert the said service, whereby he disgraced himself and occasioned uneasiness in said com-

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pany &c., as per said complaint &c. on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Paul Blodget, captain, be and he is hereby cashiered from his said office, and that he pay the cost of prosecution allowed and taxed at fifteen shillings, L. money, and for which the Secretary is directed to issue his execution accordingly; and that the commanding officer of said regiment be enabled and directed to give orders for the choice of another captain in his stead.

This Assembly do appoint Nehemiah Beardsley, Esqr, Colonel of the 16th regiment of militia, in the room of Joseph Platt Cook, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Eli Mygatt, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 16th regiment of militia, in the room of Nehemiah Beardsley, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Caleb Baldwin, Esqr, Major of the 16th regiment of militia, in the room of Eli Migatt, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Seymour to be Captain of the second company of the alarm list in the town of Hartford in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Huntington to be Lieutenant of the second company of the alarm list in the town of Hartford in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Clark to be Ensign of the second company of the alarm list in the town of Hartford in the 1st regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish David Stoddard to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Miles Beach to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Skinner to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abel Burritt to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Phineas Bradley jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Huggins to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the second regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Curtiss to be Cornet of the first troop of horse in the third regiment of light-horse in this State.

This Assembly do establish Absalom Williams to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish William Warner jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Amos Fox to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this State.

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This Assembly do establish Lent Hotchkiss to be Ensign of the 10th company of the alarm list in the 10th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Howe to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Abner Cone to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Asa Yale jun^r to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Everts jun^r to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Skinner to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish John Eldridge to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this State.

This Assembly do establish Robert Waterman to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this State.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Guilford. shewing to this Assembly that, pursuant to the recommendation of the General Assembly in October, 1776, they did at the expence of said town and for the defence thereof set up guards equal in respect to time and number to fifty-one men eight months, and praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that there be paid out of the public treasury of this State to the selectmen of said Guilford, to defray the expence of the aforesaid guards, the wages and rations of two lieutenants, two serjeants, four corporals and forty-three privates for the term of four months: the rations to be estimated at eight pence per ration.

Upon the memorial of John Carter, Elijah Hopkins, Reuben Fox and Daniel Rexford, all of Cornwall in Litchfield county, shewing to this Assembly that they live at a great distance from the place of publick worship in [said Cornwall, and near to the place of publick worship in]* the society of East Greenwich in Kent, and that said town of Cornwall are willing they should be set off to all parish purposes to said society of East Greenwich; praying that the same may be done accordingly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they together with their families and estates are hereby set off and annexed to said society of East Greenwich for all the purposes of military exercises and for schooling and all society privileges, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Hitchcock and Samuel Hitchcock, administrators on the estate of Caleb Hitchcock late of New Haven, deceas'd, representing that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd, together with some small allowance to the widow, surmount

* Original resolve, *Eccl.*, xiv, 241.

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the moveable part of the estate the sum of £34 12 9; praying for liberty to sell part of the real estate &c., as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £34 12 9, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Lemuel Deming, shewing that his son Lemuel had taken the small-pox in the army in the year past, and returned home and had it with the dysentery which followed it, and the memorialist expended and did for him in his sickness to the amount of £21 2 6, for which he hath had no relief, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table do examine and adjust the account of the expence necessarily incurred in the sickness of the said Lemuel with the small-pox and dysentery after his return home, and allow and draw order therefor upon the Treasurer and charge the same to account of the United States.

Upon the memorial of James Hinman and Israel Burrit, of Durham in New Haven county, shewing to this Assembly that in October last they were employed by the selectmen of Durham to transport various articles of cloathing to the companies of Captains James Robinson, Samuel Camp and Charles Norton, of the regiment then commanded by Lt. Colo. Baldwin at Fishkills; praying the Committee of Pay-Table may be directed to examine their accounts and give orders for the payment of such sum as may be due thereon; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to receive, examine and adjust the accounts of the memorialists, and give order for the payment of such sum as shall appear to be justly due thereon.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Sheldon, Sarah Ledyard and Hannah Watson, preferred to this Assembly, shewing that Austin Ledyard and Ebenezer Watson were joint owners in partnership of the paper-mill, the land and stream on which it stood, and said business of paper-making was carried on jointly between them; that it so happened that said Ledyard at his death had a deed of the whole of said land and stream on which said mill stood &c.; that said original proprietors are dead, leaving minor heirs; that considerable accounts were subsisting between them and yet unsettled &c.; praying to have said accounts adjusted and upon said Hannah paying or securing whatever shall be found due to the heirs of said Austin that some suitable person be impowered to make a deed of one half of said land, stream and premises to the heirs of the said Ebenezer; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Benja. Payne, Esqr, Messrs. Barn-

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abas Hinsdale and George Merrells be and they are hereby appointed a committee on said memorial, to liquidate and adjust said accounts and make report of what they find relative thereto, or any other matters alledged in said memorial, with their opinion thereon, to this or the next Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the petition of William Sherman jun^r of New Haven, praying that his person may be exempted from imprisonment upon his delivering up all his estate to trustees for the use of his creditors &c., be continued to the General Assembly to be holden at Hartford in May next, and that the person of the petitioner be protected from arrest or imprisonment at the suit of his creditors or any of them, either on mesne process or execution, untill the rising of the General Assembly in May next.

Upon the memorial of Joshua Stone, a person now confined in Hartford county goal, shewing to this Assembly that in the beginning of the war between Great Britain and the United States of America he was a hearty friend to his bleeding country, but by the crafty insinuation and perswasive arguments of his near relations to the contrary, and the perswasion of his unfortunate father, he was influenced to go to New York, where he was confined as a spy but soon after made his escape and got to Stamford, where he was taken up by the authority and bound over to the hon^ble superior court at Fairfield, for having joined the enemy at New York, and upon tryal was found guilty and sentenced to suffer three months imprisonment and pay a fine of twenty pounds and pay costs, which confinement he has peaceably indured, and when the time of his confinement was expired the sheriff suffered him to go to work for one Elisha Wadsworth, who being an enemy to the United States and perswaded him to run away, but was apprehended and brought back to Hartford county goal, and by the powerfull arguments of a worthy member of the General Assembly on the justice of the American cause he is fully sensible of his error and convinced of the justice of the American cause, and that he will to the uttermost of his power and ability defend the United States and go forth into the service when called upon; praying that he may be released from his confinement, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that upon the said Joshua Stones taking the oath of fidelity to this State and paying to the Treasurer of this State thirty pounds, L. money, he be released from his confinement and discharged from said fine and all costs, and may inlist into the continental army in any regiment raised by this State to serve during the present war or for three years that he, the said Joshua Stone, shall choose to inlist into.

Upon the memorial of Michael Towsley of Suffield, shewing that he had burnt up in his mother's house twenty pounds, money, and

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sundry other articles &c.; praying for a grant in some measure to compensate his loss &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer pay to the memorialist twenty pounds, money, and the Committee of the Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Lee, Esqr, and Eunice Peck, both of Kent in Litchfield county, administrators on the estate of Joseph Peck late of said Kent, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £96 18 9, money; praying to have so much of the real estate of said deceas'd sold as to raise said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be, and they are hereby, impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

On the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that the British troops in their rout to Danbury and in the course of their march, they plundered a great number of families of almost everything in their houses that was capable of being plundered, and also cattle teams and horses, which they carryed off with them, whereby some persons are reduced to distressed circumstances which before lived comfortable; as per memorial on file; praying your Honors to grant them some allowance: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Thomas Fitch and Thadeus Betts, Esqr, of Norwalk, and Lemuel Sanford, Esqr, of Redding, are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into and estimate the losses of every individual in said town of Fairfield in consequence of the late hostile incursion of the British troops in their rout to Danbury, and report make of what they shall find to the next or some future session of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of the town of Waterbury, by their agents Joseph Hopkins and Ezra Brownson, shewing to this Assembly that said town is of large extent and divided into four societies &c., which renders it difficult and burdensom for seven selectmen to take proper care and perform their duty in every department thereof; praying that said town may annually choose nine selectmen, and that Capt. Ezra Brownson and Capt. Samuel Porter may serve said town in addition to those already chosen selectmen in the same for the current year; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town of Waterbury have liberty for the future annually to elect and appoint nine selectmen, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and that the said Ezra Brunson and Samuel Porter be authorized and impowered to serve as selectmen with others appointed by said town for the current year.

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Upon the memorial of Isaac Tucker of Hartford, administrator on the estate of James Tucker deceas'd, who was killed the last campaign in the northern department and lost forty dollars in money &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer pay to the memorialist, as administrator as aforesaid, twelve pounds money; and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw an order for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Upson, administrator *cum testamento annexo* on the estate of Stephen Upson late of Waterbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £178 9 6, for the payment of which no provision is made in the will of the said deceas'd; praying for authority to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as may be necessary to pay the sum aforesaid with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Benjamin Upson have liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as may be necessary to pay the said sum of £178 9 6, with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of David Manvill, Jesse Tuttle and Epha Warner, all of Waterbury in New Haven county, shewing to this Assembly that they were some time past induced to join the enemy and there served untill some time in November last, when they all effected their escape and resigned themselves up and were examined and have been committed to goal, and praying this Assembly that a pardon be granted, as by memorial on file, dated January 14th, 1778: Resolved by this Assembly, that a pardon be granted, and a pardon is hereby granted to said David Manvell, Jesse Tuttle and Epha Warner, and to each of them, of their said offences; and liberty is granted to them to receive so much of their goods as consists of household furniture and tools of their trade out of the hands of the officers who have them in custody, notwithstanding any seizure or condemnation for the benefit of this State, they paying all the costs that has any ways arisen relating to the premises against them respectively, or in regard to their estates.

Upon the memorial of John Owen of Symsbury, Esqr, shewing to this Assembly that certain lands lying in Symsbury belonging to this State, which said Owen had the care of, can now be sold &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said John Owen, Esqr, be and he is hereby impowered to sell and dispose of the lands aforesaid, either in whole or in part, to the best advantage of this State, for ready money, and to give deeds accordingly, and to lodge the money arising upon such sale in the treasury of this State.

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Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Plainfield, by their agents James Bradford and Joseph Shepard jun^{r} of said Plainfield, shewing to this Assembly that an act of this Assembly was passed at their session held at New Haven in October, 1775, impowering said inhabitants to raise money by way of a rate or tax for the purpose of mending the highways in said town, which act was to continue in force two years from and after the first day of January, 1776, and no longer; praying that said act may be revived: Whereupon, resolved by this Assembly, that the said act be and the same is hereby revived, and that the inhabitants of said Plainfield have liberty, and power and authority is hereby given to them, to tax the poles and rateable estate of said inhabitants from time to time at their discretion in any sum or sums sufficient to mend and repair the highways in said town, under the same regulations and restrictions as in said former act is provided: to continue in force during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Edward Hinman, Esqr, of Woodbury in Litchfield county, shewing to this Assembly that the Committee of Safety of the State of New York, on the 22^{d} day of October, 1776, sent nine prisoners to the care of the committee of inspection in the town of Woodbury, and that in said October the said committee of Woodbury made a representation of said case to the General Assembly of this State then sitting, who did order the committee of said Woodbury to take care of and provide for said prisoners untill they should receive further orders from said Assembly; and agreeable to said resolve, said committee did take charge of said prisoners, and desired said Hinman to provide meat, drink, cloathing &c. for them, as was necessary for them, which accounts have been adjusted and paid untill the 15th day of May last, and that there remains due to said Hinman for keeping said prisoners from said 15th of May to the 7th day of January, 1778, £22 16 9; and praying for payment of said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table do adjust the accounts mentioned in said memorial and draw on the Treasurer for what they find justly due, and charge the same to the United States.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Dickerman and George Dudley, of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that, in pursuance of orders in August, 1776, they marched to New York for the defence of that city, under the command of Captain Stephen Goodyear in Colo. Thomson's regiment, said Dickerman being a serjeant in said company, and chearfully did their duty in their respective stations while in that city; that during the cannonade on that city they were ordered by Capt. Goodyear to take care of a certain sick soldier belonging to said company, and while others declined they undertook it with much hazard to themselves; that as they had orders to see said sick person

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well provided for they endeavoured to get him into some hospital but in vain; they were equally unsuccessful in their attempts to get him into private houses on the road till they came into this State; that as his recovery in their opinion much depended on his returning home, at his solicitation they procured a carriage and brought him home; they were induced to take this step from a perswasion that they could probably sooner return to their regiment in this way than in any other, but that unhappily they took the distemper from him and were unable to return till the regiment was discharged; that in consequence thereof they were returned as deserters, by which means they were deprived of their wages; and praying that the same might be granted to them &c., as per memorial on file, dated 29th of December, 1777: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby impowered and directed, on application to them made by the memorialists, to examine and adjust their accounts of wages and draw on the Treasurer of this State in their behalf for such sums as they shall find justly due to them respectively.

Upon the memorial of Moses Northrup, Patience Northrup, his wife, and Eunice Northrup, his daughter, all of New Milford, shewing to this Assembly that the said Patience and Eunice are confined in Litchfield goal upon suspicion of treason against this State; that no court proper to try them will sit in said county till August next, and that their services are greatly wanted at home; praying that they may be admitted to bail &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Patience and Eunice be set at liberty upon their procuring bail with good sureties to the Treasurer of this State in the sum of two hundred pounds, L. money, each, to be paid upon condition that they shall fail to appear before the superior court to be holden at Litchfield on the last Tuesday save two in August next and abide the sentence of said court against him. And the sheriff of the county of Litchfield is hereby authorized to take said bail accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Whittaker junr and Zephaniah Alden, of Stafford in the county of Hartford, administrators on the intestate estate of Benjamin Harrington late of said Stafford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited against the estate of said deceas'd and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford, with some allowance to the widow, surmounts the moveable inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £23 4 3½, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as may be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to them, to make sale of so much of the lands or real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £23 4 3½,

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L. money, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Ensign Cornelius Higgins jun^{r}, of Haddam, shewing to this Assembly that he was an ensign in Capt. Abraham Tyler's company in Colo. Jed^{h} Huntington's regiment, 1776, and by the fortune of war was made a prisonor the 27th day of August, 1776, and in that situation continued untill the 13th day of April, 1777, during which term he was robbed of his watch and some money and was also obliged to expend a considerable sum for his support; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file, dated the 12th day of January, 1778: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that he be allowed the sum of eleven pounds ten shillings, L. money, and that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw an order for said sum in favour of said Ensign Higgins on the Treasurer of this State.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of Voluntown, shewing that one Margaret Campbel has for some time been a public charge to said town, for that she is a very impotent person both in body and mind, that she has a small lot of land containing about twenty acres with a small house thereon in said town; praying that some one may be appointed to make sale of the same for the support of the said Margaret, both as to what has or may occur on that account: Resolved by this Assembly, that Mr. Robert Hunter be and he is hereby appointed and fully impowered to sell and give proper deed of conveyance of said twenty acres of land to such person as shall appear to purchase the same, and lodge the monies that shall arise thereon in the hands of the treasurer of said town of Voluntown, to defray the expence of the support of the said Margaret Campbell, deducting only the reasonable cost of such sale.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Johnson, of Midletown in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of a country rate on the list of 1775, and that by reason of his early entring into and continuing in service in the army part of said rate remains uncollected, and that it is out of the power of the memorialist now to collect the same as he now belongs to the continental army; praying that the town of Midletown may be authorized and impowered to choose a new collector to collect and pay in the remainder of the tax or rate for which the memorialist was collector, and that the memorialist may be discharged from collecting the remainder of said tax, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the town of Midletown be and they are hereby authorized and impowered to choose a new collector in the room and stead of Maj^{r} Jonath. Johnson, to collect the remaining sums due on the rate-bill delivered to said Johnson; and that on the said Johnson's delivering his rate-bill

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to the selectmen of the town of Midletown and accounting with said selectmen for the whole of the monies by him collected on said rate-bill that he be discharged from any further duty as collector of said tax, and the town-clerk is hereby ordered and directed to make return of the name of the person chosen to collect said remaining part of said tax to the Treasurer of this State.

Upon the memorial of Amos Brown of Preston, one of the selectmen of said town, shewing to this Assembly that on the 13th day of January, 1777, one Matthew Button, a soldier in Capt. Jonathan Brewster's company in Colonel Huntington's regiment, arrived in said Preston from captivity at New York, being taken on Long Island in an action with the British troops on the 27th day of August, 1776, who was sent out of New York in a flag of truce ship and landed at Milford, and on his return was taken sick with the small-pox in said Preston, and the memorialist, being one of the selectmen, was obliged to take care of said Butten and employ doctors and nurses for said sick soldier, and made all necessary provision for the safety and comfort of said soldier, and that said soldier dyed of said disorder after that the memorialist had expended £16 0 9 in doctoring and nursing, and the said soldier left no estate to pay the same; praying that the same may be paid out of the public treasury of this State, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby ordered and directed to adjust said account and draw on the Treasurer of this State for the same and charge the same to the United States.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Dunham, administratrix on the estate of Joseph Dunham, late of Mansfield in the district of Windham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowances against the estate of said deceas'd, as allowed by the court of probate for said district, surmount the inventoried moveable estate in the sum of £101 8 11, and praying for liberty and power to sell of his real estate so much as to enable her to pay said debts &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and she is hereby impowered, to sell so much of said real estate as will raise said sum of £101 8 11, L. money, for the purpose of paying said debts &c. and the incident charges thereof; taking the direction of the court of probate for said district therein.

Upon the memorial of Reuben Porter, administrator on the estate of Samuel Lee, late of Lebanon in the district of Windham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowances against the estate of said deceas'd, as allowed by the court of probate for said district, surmount the inventoried moveable estate in the sum of £117 19 3, and praying for liberty and power to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to enable him to pay said debts &c.,

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as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and he is hereby impowered, to sell so much of said real estate as will raise said sum of £117 19 3, for the purpose of paying said debts &c. and the incident charges thereof; taking the direction of the court of probate for said district therein.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Bill, of Lebanon in the State of Connecticut, shewing that he was a soldier under the command of Colonel, now Major General, Arnold in the expedition against Quebec in the year 1775; that his captain and all the officers of his company were killed and taken in the unsuccessfull attempt made on that city in December of that year, and that he but just escaped and with the loss of his cloathing, arms &c., while assisting to carry off the wounded; that by reason of the loss of said officers no pay-roll could ever be made up for said company, so that he has not been able to obtain his wages nor any compensation for his losses in that tedious and distressing service, although he hath taken great pains and trouble and expended almost the value thereof in endeavouring to obtain the same, and is not able in the circumstances of the case to get any relief but by this Assembly &c.; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table receive and adjust the account of said memorialist for wages and losses in the service mentioned in his memorial, and give order on the Treasurer of this State for payment of such sum as they shall find justly and reasonably due, and charge the same in account against the United States.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Nichols and others, inhabitants within the limits of the 15th or Stepney company, so called, in the fourth regiment of militia in this State, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1772, they were formed into a military company by order and decree of this Assembly, with all the powers and privileges thereunto belonging, and by order from the colonel of said regiment led to the choice of officers which were commissioned accordingly, but since this unhappy dispute with Great Britain two of said commissioned officers absconded and joined the British army, the other was promoted and went into the continental service. On consideration of the company then being destitute of commission officers this Assembly, in their session in May last, appointed a committee to examine into the circumstances of said company and report make; whereupon said committee met and considered the circumstances of said company as they then appeared to be, and reported as their opinion that said company ought to be reduced to the several companies from whence they were taken; which report being accepted by said Assembly and thereupon deprived them of their former powers and privileges, which they humbly pray may be restored to them again, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the 15th or Stepney company, so called, in the 4th regiment of militia in this State be and they hereby

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are restored to the same powers and privileges which was allowed them in the year 1772, by this Assembly, and which they were in full possession of before the appointment of the abovesaid committee; and the colonel of the fourth regiment is ordered to give proper notice to the inhabitants within the limits of said company that are lawfull voters, to meet at proper time and place by him appointed, and lead or order them to be led to the choice of commission officers for said company, and return to be made accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Douglass, of Branford in the county of New Haven, administratrix on the estate of Colo. William Douglas late of said Branford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1776, the said William Douglas was appointed a colonel in one of the regiments raised by this State for the service of said year, and that at the close of the campaign he received for and towards the pay of each company the sum of nine hundred dollars and left said sum with Mrs. Bryan of Milford to be by her delivered over to Lieut. Bryan, commanding officer of one of the companies in his said regiment; and that it so happened that sixty-two dollars of said money was stolen out of the hands and possession of said Mrs. Bryan without any neglect or default on her part, and that said Colo. Douglas was not guilty of any negligence but left said money in order that said company might receive it in the most expeditious manner; praying that said sum of sixty-two dollars be paid to said company out of the public treasury, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of £18 12 s. 0, L. money be allowed to the memorialist, and that the Treasurer is hereby impowered and directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jehiel Bryan, of Milford in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that on or about the 20th day of March, 1776, the committee of inspection of said Milford received intelligence that a sloop had come to an anchor at a place called Oyster River, and that they desired him to muster and march twenty men to said place in a stormy night, and that he complyed therewith and took possession of said sloop, which had on board a quantity of pork &c. contrary to the embargo act, to transport to the West Indies, and that he took charge of said sloop and her carried into the port of New Haven, in consequence of which there were of said sloop's cargo, at a special county court held at said New Haven on the 22d of April, 1776, forfeited to the treasury of this State 22½ barrels of pork, 60 barrels and 20 tierces of flour, and that he applied to the State's Attorney for his cost and could not obtain the same as it rose before the prosecution began; praying for some allowance, as per memorial on file: It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of £13 0 0, L. money, be allowed to the memorialist, and the Treasurer of this State is directed to pay the same accordingly.

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Upon the memorial of Ichabod Jewitt, of Coventry in the county of Windham, administrator in right of his wife Elizabeth on the estate of Mr. Joseph Minor late of said Coventry, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges, together with some allowances made to said Elizabeth late widow of said deceas'd, exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Windham, surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of one hundred ninety-four pounds four shillings and six pence, L. money; praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to raise said sum together with incident charges of such sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £194 4 6, L. money, with incident charges of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of John Darbee, Josiah Smith and others, settlers and inhabitants of the east part of the township of Winchester east of the Long Pond, so called, and on the west part of the township of Barkhemsted west of Farmington River, being about twenty-five families; shewing that they are and for a long time have been without the enjoyment of the ordinary privileges of the gospel, by reason of the difficulties attending their situation and their inability to procure the same; praying to be constituted a distinct ecclesiastical society and to have the lands of the non-residents taxed and made to contribute to their assistance, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists, including all the inhabitants upon the lands, or that hereafter may come to dwell thereon, lying on the east side of the Long Pond in said township of Winchester, and to extend by the north end of said pond with the line of the lot next to said pond and so across the stream from said pond to the west end of said lot, from thence to run northward at the end of the lots to Mad River, so called, and from thence up said river so far as to include the third tier of lots, and from thence to Colebrook line, containing in the whole about twelve thousand acres, and all the inhabitants of the township of Barkhemsted dwelling or that hereafter may come to dwell upon the lands lying on the west side of said Farmington River in said Barkhemsted be and they are hereby constituted and made one entire ecclesiastical society by the name of Winstead, with the parochial bounds abovesaid, and invested with all the powers and privileges by law belonging to other ecclesiastical societies in this State. And be it further resolved, that an annual tax of two pence upon the acre be and is hereby granted and laid upon all the lands of non-resident proprietors within the limits of said society that have not been already taxed, for the term of four years from the rising of this Assembly, to be applyed to defray the charges

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of supporting the gospel ministry and the public worship in said society. And this Assembly do appoint and impower Charles Wright of said Winchester to make said tax and collect the same of the non-residents, having a warrant signed by proper authority, and to account therefor with said society, as in other cases is provided by law.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut, praying this Assembly to grant them liberty to make, mend and repair their highways and bridges and procure materials for the same by a rate or tax at all times hereafter, and enable them to tax themselves from time to time to defray the expences of it &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town of Fairfield have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town, to tax the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways and bridges in said town; which tax shall be collected in the same way as other taxes are collected, and be by the several surveyors in their several districts laid out and improved for the repairing all highways and bridges in each district in said town; and said town is hereby impowered, by the selectmen or a committee chosen annually or from time to time as occasion shall require, to divide the highways in said town into districts and assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highways and bridges to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the monies so raised by said town according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained. And any assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such persons as shall be appointed by said town to collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid in the same manner and form as other town rates are collected. And every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money so received to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereunto required after the same becomes payable, and all surplus of such money as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors, or any of them, after such highways are sufficiently repaired and shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being and by him and his successors in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the purpose of repairing of highways and bridges for the then current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be divided. And be it further resolved by this Assembly, that this resolution shall be and remain in force during the pleasure of this Assembly.

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Upon the memorial of Thomas Cole of Waterbury, shewing to this Assembly that his daughter Eunice was married to one Samuel Doolittle of said Waterbury on the fourth day of April, 1765; that said Cole gave said Eunice one round table and several other valuable articles; that said Doolittle on the 24th day of March last absconded and joined General Howe's army; that the personal estate of said Doolittle is forfeited and seized according to law for the use of this State and is now held in the custody of an officer for that purpose, and that the said Eunice has three children which must be supported by said Cole &c.; praying that the said round table and other valuable articles given as aforesaid might be returned to said Cole for the support, use and benefit of the said children, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said round table and other articles, being one quart cup, 3 pewter platters, 6 plates, 1 pint cup, 3 pewter basons, 3 porringers, 1 tea-pot, 1 pepper-box, 5 spoons, 3 knives and forks, 6 plain chairs, 1 great wheel, 1 Dutch wheel, 1 feather bed, 1 bed-quilt, 2 blankets, 2 pair of sheets, 1 iron pot, 1 looking-glass, 1 beer barrell, 1 churn, 1 pair flat-irons, 1 clock-reel, 1 bed-tick, 2 blankets, 1 meal-sieve, 1 frying-pan, 1 chest with draws, 6 black chairs, 1 warming-pan, 1 brass-kettle, a cow and calf, and ten sheep, which are now held in custody of Samuel Hickox, constable of Waterbury aforesaid, for the use and benefit of this State, be delivered to the said Thomas Cole, to be by him used, improved or kept for the said children as he shall find most for their benefit; and the said constable is hereby directed to deliver the same to said Cole for the use aforesaid, taking his receipt for the same.

Upon the memorial of David Lothrop, of Tolland in Hartford county, administrator on the estate of Capt. Timothy Delano late of said Tolland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable inventoried part of said estate the sum of £245 0 1, L. money; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £245 0 1, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £245 0 1, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Noah Skinner, of Coventry in the county of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that on the 7th day of May, 1775, he inlisted himself a soldier in a company commanded by Capt. Israel Putnam jun^r in General Putnam's regiment, and that he served faithfully and did his duty in said company in a campaign at Cambridge till the first day of December then next, and for which he has

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received no pay, and praying that he may be entituled to his wages &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed and authorized to settle, adjust and draw on the Treasurer for such sum as they shall find justly due for said service.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Day of Tolland, administrator on the estate of Amos Fellows, late of Tolland in Hartford county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable inventoried part of said estate the sum of £406 13 11, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise the sum of £406 13 11, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £406 13 11, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of New Haven, representing that by the mismanagement and bad husbandry of Joel Allen of said New Haven, he being thereby likely to be reduced to want, they took him into their care and was obliged to expend out of the town treasury for his support the sum of £44 3 11, and that he hath no moveable estate sufficient to pay the same; praying for liberty to sell part of his real estate to pay said sum, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, to sell so much of the real estate of said Allen as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £44 3 11 with the incident charge of such sale, and the same pay into the treasury of said town.

Upon the memorial of John Morehouse, of Danbury in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that when the British troops marched to Danbury he, through inconsideration and surprise, joined to and went off with them, but being afterwards sensible of his crime took the first opportunity of leaving them and returned home, and voluntarily resigned himself up to justice and was committed to goal for tryal, where he now remains; praying for pardon of his offence &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist, upon his taking the oath of fidelity to this State and paying the costs of his prosecution and confinement, be and he is hereby pardoned of his crime, acquitted from any further prosecution on account thereof, and liberated from his confinement.

Upon the memorial of George Catlin and Martha Yale, both of

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Harwington in Litchfield county, administrators on the estate of Joseph Yale late of said Harwington, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £40 11 4, L. money; praying to have so much of the real estate of said deceas'd sold as to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Parmely jun^r, administrator on the estate of John Gould Parmely late of said Litchfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £32 5 7, money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with the incident charges arising thereon &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of John Smith and Temperance Bissell, both of Litchfield in Litchfield county, administrators on the estate of Ozias Bissell late of said Litchfield, deceas'd; shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £64 3 11, money, and that said debts amount to near the whole sum of said estate, and that the same is under such circumstances that it would be very inconvenient to sell so large a part thereof without the whole; praying for liberty to sell the whole of said estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby impowered to sell the whole of the inventoried estate of said deceas'd, both real and personal, and the overplus of said estate, if any more than sufficient to pay the debts due from said estate, to remain for the right heirs of said deceas'd; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield in the premises.

Upon the memorial of Rachel Merriman, otherwise called Rachel Moss, and Amos Moss, both of Litchfield in Litchfield county, administrators on the estate of Joseph Merriman late of said Litchfield, deceas'd, and said Amos in right of his wife the said Rachel, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of fourteen pounds four shillings and one penny one farthing; praying for liberty to have so much of the real estate of said deceas'd sold as to raise said sum &c., as per

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memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and she is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise said sum with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all petitions and memorials between party and party depending before this Assembly be referred for further consideration to the General Assembly to be holden at Hartford the second Thursday of May next, and that all committees heretofore appointed on any of said petitions and memorials have powers and are directed to hear, examine and report to said sessions of Assembly in May next; and also, that all protections of persons and estates from attachment and imprisonment granted on any of said petitions and memorials shall continue and remain in full force till the rising of said Assembly in May next.

Upon the report of the committee appointed to examine into the complaint laid before this Assembly against Abel Pettibone, late a captain in Colo. Enos's regiment lately in service of this State, it appearing that said Pettibone inlisted one Francis Northaway about the 25th day of November last but made up his pay-abstract as though said Northeway had inlisted on the 6th day of October, 1777, and procured an order for said Northeway's pay from said 6th of October till the end of the service of said battalion, as also for the bounty of said Northeway: Resolved therefore, that said Pettibone refund the bounty and pay which he has drawn for said Northeway from said 6th of October to the 25th of said November and pay the costs attending this prosecution, being £4 8 5; and the Secretary is directed to issue an execution for the same accordingly.

Ex^n granted March 13*th*, 1778.

Upon the memorial of Doct^r Jonathan Havens, Stephen Howell, and other refugees from Long Island now residing in this State, shewing that at the time when the British troops possessed themselves of Long Island, they fled into this State with their families for protection; that they left more or less of their effects in the hands of their friends to be secreted and disposed of as they could and the avails remitted them in order to the support of their families; that about three weeks since they by legal permit granted them for that purpose, went to said island to bring from thence some part of what their friends had saved from the enemy, or the avails thereof arising out of what they had sold of their stock and grain, and having received the same in small parcells of tea and cloath, linnen and woollen, and other things for the use of their families, which was all they could get for what had been sold as aforesaid, they brôt the same to Saybrook in a small boat to the house of one Harriss, when one White, a

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lieutenant of the continental frigate called the *Trumbull*, and one Combs, commanding a whale-boat, and others their associates, came and seized the memorialists' said effects and forceably took the same out of their hands and refuse to deliver or do what is just, to the great injury and distress of the suffering memorialists and their families; praying for relief &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that William Noyes, Samuel Field, and Ezra Selden, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power, as speedily as may be, to notify all parties concerned and enquire into the facts alledged in said memorial or that relate thereto, and report the same with their opinion thereon to the next General Assembly, or in the recess of the same to his Excellency the Governor and his Committee of Safety, who are hereby authorized and directed to give such order thereon as they shall think just and reasonable, and that in the mean time said committee appointed to hear and examine as aforesaid do forthwith take into their custody all of said articles and effects taken from the memorialists as aforesaid out of the hands of said White, Combs and others, and them safe keep untill further order may be had thereon.

Upon the remonstrance of Eliakim Hitchcock and others, living within the limits of the 15th company the 10th regiment, and other inhabitants of the parish of New Cheshire, shewing to this Assembly that Robert Martin hath been chosen Captain of said company and Reuben Rice jun^{r} Lieutenant of said company, and that said Martin and Rice are unfriendly to the liberties of America and its independence; praying that said Martin and Rice may not be commissioned: Resolved, that General Wadsworth, Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, and General Ward be appointed a committee, to examine into the matter in said remonstrance mentioned and the circumstances and situation of said company, and report the facts that they shall find with their opinion thereon to this or the next Assembly.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secretary.*

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AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	Esqrs.
William Pitkin,	Danll Sherman,	
Roger Sherman,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Abm Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	
Wm. Williams,	Andw Adams,	

Resolved by this Board, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer in favor of Saml Eliot junr, Esqr, of Boston, for the sum of four thousand pounds, lawfull money, for the purpose of fitting out (as soon as possible) the ship *Defence* and the ship *Oliver Cromwell* &c., and to be in account as Agent for this State: Said order to be delivered to Mr. Robt. Wasson, taking his receipt for the same.

Copy dd to said Wasson.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to give the necessary and proper sailing orders and all the necessary directions to said ships.

AT A MEETING OF HIS HONOR THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	Esqrs.
Roger Sherman,	William Hilhouse,	
Abm Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	
William Williams,	Andw Adams,	
Danll Sherman,		

Convers'd on sundry matters of publick concernment.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Danll Sherman,	Esqrs.
Roger Sherman,	James Wadsworth,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Abm Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	
Wm. Williams,	Andw Adams.	

Consulted sundry matters of importance.

AT A MEETING OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT HARTFORD ON THE 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Williams,	Esqrs.
Roger Sherman,	Danll Sherman,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Benja. Payne,	
Abm Davenport,	Andw Adams,	

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Voted, That Capt. Elijah Hubbard of Middletown be directed to procure, as soon as he can, ten tun of flower, sixty bushells of peas or beans, and forward the same to Boston, to be delivered to Mr. Sam^{ll} Eliot jun^{r}, taking his receipt for the same.

Resolved, That Mr. Jabez Fitch, of Greenwich in Fairfield county, be and he is hereby appointed Paymaster to the regiment and forces under command of Colo. John Mead now stationed at the Saw-Pitts and parts adjacent.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 23D DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Dan^{ll} Sherman,	Esq^{rs}.
Roger Sherman,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Benja. Payne,	
Ab^{m} Davenport,	And^{w} Adams,	
Wm. Williams,		

Resolved by this Board, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer in favor of Ebenezer Ledyard of Groton, Esqr, for the sum of one thousand pounds, to be in account.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Dan^{ll} Sherman,	Esq^{rs}.
Roger Sherman,	James Wadsworth,	
William Pitkin,	Benja. Payne,	
Ab^{m} Davenport,	Willm Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	And^{w} Adams,	

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Dan^{ll} Sherman,	Esq^{rs}.
William Pitkin,	James Wadsworth,	
Roger Sherman,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Ab^{m} Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	
Wm. Williams,	And^{w} Adams,	

Whereas the Honble Congress of the United States have authorized and requested his Excellency the Governor and this Board to cause the continental frigate *Trumbull*, now lying near the mouth of the river Connecticut and there detained by reason of an apprehended difficulty of getting over a bar of sand, call'd Say Brook Bar, to be removed and got over said bar ready to proceed to sea &c. Therefore,

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Resolved and ordered by his Excellency the Governor and this Board, That Capt. John Cotten of Middletown be and he is hereby fully authorized, impowered and directed, forthwith to endeavour by all proper and practible means in his power, to cause the said continental frigate to be remov'd and got over said bar and into the harbour of Newlondon, and for that end to employ such help and assistance of men and materials as he shall find and adjudge proper and necessary. And Dudley Saltonstall, Esqr, commander of said ship, and all other officers and men belonging to said ship, are hereby requested, ordered and directed, to afford said Capt. Cotten every aid, help and assistance in their power, to effect this important and necessary object and which Congress have so much at heart. And said Capt. Cotten is to use his best prudence and discretion in prosecuting this important business to prevent said ship falling into the hands of the enemy, or any other misfortune; and to make report as soon as may be to his Excellency the Governor of his doings in the premises together with the expence attending the execution thereof, that the same may be defrayed and proper information immediately made to said Honble Congress.

Resolved by this Board, That Nathan Frink jun^{r} be permitted to go into Newyork by flag, in order to transact some business, agreeable to his memorial.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR SAID STATE ON THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Dan^{ll} Sherman,	Esq^{rs}.
Roger Sherman,	James Wadsworth,	
Ab^{m} Davenport,	Benja. Payne,	
Wm. Pitkin,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	And^{w} Adams,	

Resolv'd, That Capt. Robt Niles be and he is hereby directed to deliver to the Hon^{ll} Wm. Pitkin, Esqr, or order, two hogsheads of sulphur, taking his receipt for the same.

Resolved, That Capt. Robt Niles be directed to deliver to Mr. Isaac Doolittle, of Newhaven, and Company, or order, one hogshead of sulphur, taking a receipt for the same.

Resolv'd, That Capt. Robt Niles be directed to deliver to Colo. Jedidiah Elderkin or order, one hogshead of sulphur, taking a receipt for the same.

Resolved, That Capt. Robt. Niles be and he is hereby directed to deliver to Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r}, Esqr, or order, one hogshead of sulphur, taking a receipt for the same.

Resolv'd, That Mr. Jeremiah Ripley of Coventry be and he is hereby directed to send under a proper guard, as soon as may be, two tun of fine powder now under his care belonging to the continent to Ezekiel Cheevers, Esqr, commissary of artillery at Springfield, taking proper receipt for the same.

Resolved by this Board, That Colo. Delancy be permitted to go into New york on his parol and to return when required. And that the same indulgence be requested to be granted to Colo. Hart and Colo. Hobby or one of them. And his Excellency the Governor is requested to carry this resolve into execution.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1778.

Present: His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	James Wadsworth,	Esqrs.
Roger Sherman,	Danl Sherman,	
William Pitkin,	Benjamin Payne,	
Abm Davenport,	William Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	Andw Adams,	

Resolved, That the Committee of Pay-Table be directed to draw on the Treasurer in favour of Capt. John Cotten for the sum of one hundred pounds towards defraying the expence of getting the ship *Trumbull* over Say-Brook Bar &c., and charge the same to said Cotten to be in account for the purpose aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Jenne Rudement, now resident in Woodbury, shewing to this Board that she is a native of Scotland and has no estate to support her, and has a brother in New York by whose assistance she supposes she could get home to her parents and friends in Scotland; praying for liberty to go to Newyork, &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Board, that the memorialist be permitted to go to Newyork for the purpose aforesaid; and his Excellency the Governor is requested to grant her a permit or flag for that purpose accordingly.

Whereas this Board are made acquainted by a private letter from the Honble Eliphalet Dyer, a Delegate [from] this State at Congress, to a member of this Board, that Congress have sent an express to Colo. Jeremiah Wadsworth of this State, requesting his immediate attendance on their body at York Town on business of much importance to the interest of the United States, and it appearing on inquiry that said Colo. Wadsworth has not receiv'd the letter requesting his attendance as aforesaid; and this Board desirous to promote the publick service in every matter. do therefore earnestly recommend it to and advise said Wadsworth to repair as soon as possible to York Town, to wait on the Honble Congress and attend to the business they may have to lay before him: his not having said letter notwithstanding.

Whereas by reason of the badness of the roads, the scarcity of forage, the want of oxen for fattening to supply the army with meat, it is become extreamly difficult to transport so large a quantity of salt as was ordered to the North River; and as a large quantity is now at said river or near the same: Voted, that Mr. Peter Colt, the deputy commissary-general of purchases, be advised, and he is hereby advised, to stop the further sending on the salt to the North River, if it may be done with safety to the United States.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD ON THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Wm. Hilhouse,	Esqrs.
Wm. Pitkin,	Benja. Payne,	
Abm Davenport,	Andw Adams,	
Wm. Williams,		

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Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to write to Major Thomonson, commanding officer of Colo. Nixon's battalion station'd at Farmington, requesting him to march with all convenient speed, pursuant to Gen[l] Putnam's orders, to Greenwich, all of said battalion who are in circumstances to do duty, leaving at said Farmington those who are unfit with a proper officer to bring them on when fit; and that Colo. Root be directed to repair to said Farmington and acquaint said Major Thomson therewith and inquire into the state of said battalion, inform himself therewith and what may be necessary to furnish the said battalion to enable them to march as aforesaid, and report to this Board.

Upon the application of James and Horace Hooker, shewing to this Board that they have been appointed by Isaac Foster, Esq[r], D. director-general &c., to receive and store a large quantity of hospital-stores for the use of the United States, part of which have already arrived at Windsor and the rest dayly expected, and that they had orders from said Foster to apply to [his] Excellency for a guard &c.; praying for a proper guard &c., as per application on file: Resolved by this Board, that Colo. Roger Newberry be and he is hereby directed to furnish and supply from the regiment under his command, in such manner as he shall judge most convenient, to the said James Hooker and Horace Hooker a proper guard of one sergeant and twelve men for the present; and in case he shall judge it necessary, that he increase said guard to the number of eighteen men to guard said stores till further order, and that proper pay-rolls be made up and presented to the Committee of Pay-Table for payment, who are hereby directed to liquidate the same and draw on the Treasurer for the sum that shall appear to be due thereon and charge the same to the account of the United States.

Upon the memorial of Colo. John Chester of Weathersfield, and others, shewing to this Board that in January last they purchased of this State a number of salt-pans &c. to the amount in value of £320 18*s.* 9*d.*, money, which by reason of large holes in said pans &c. were rendered entirely useless, and that they have been at great expence in transporting said pans &c. from the furnace in Salisbury &c.; praying that they may be excused from the payment of said purchase money and reimburs'd their expence &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Board, that Major William Hilhouse be directed to receive said salt-pans &c. into his custody and dispose of the same to the best advantage of this State and render his account thereof; and that the said Colo. Chester and Company be and they are hereby released and discharged from the payment of said £320 18*s.* 9*d.*, and that the matter of their expences be referr'd to the future consideration of this Board.

AT A MEETING OF HIS HONOR THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Dan[ll] Sherman,	Esq[rs]
Roger Sherman,	Benja. Payne,	
Wm. Pitkin,	James Wadsworth,	
Ab[m] Davenport,	Wm. Hilhouse,	
Wm. Williams,	And[w] Adams,	

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Resolved by this Board, That the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury be directed to cast a trundle head for Mr. John Gillit of Windsor, provided the same does not impede the casting of cannon or mortars.

Resolved, That the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury be directed to hire suitable pastures for the use of said furnace.

Resolv'd, That Brig^{r} Genl Silliman be impowered and directed to give a passport or flag to Jennie Rudement to go into Newyork, agreeable to a former resolve of this Board.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Church of Danbury, wife of Asa Church late of said Danbury, shewing to this Board that her said husband has voluntarily joined the British army and is now in Newyork, and that she hath not any estate to support herself &c.; praying for liberty to go to New York to her said husband &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Board, that the memorialist be and she is hereby permitted to go to Newyork to her said husband with such necessary apparel &c. as the committee of inspection in said town of Danbury shall think proper; and that Brig^{r} Genl Silliman be impowered and directed to grant a flag or passport to her, the said Hannah, accordingly.

At a meeting of &c., Hartford, 4 March, 1778.

Present: His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jz. Huntington, Ab^{m} Davenport,
Roger Sherman, W. Pitkin, and
W. Williams.

On the petition of Jos. Beck, a refugee from N. York on account of the British troops and tyranny, now residing in N. Haven &c., shewing by reason of losses and the high prices of provisions &c. he is reduced and unable to support his family; that he has several sums of money due from principal inhabitants of N. York which he thinks his wife Margaret Beck might be permitted to go there for that purpose, and praying liberty for that purpose &c.: Voted, that said Margaret Beck be permitted to go and return to the city of N. York.

N. B. The purpose of her going not to be express'd as it might frustrate the design &c., and she is willing to risque it and her chance to get out again &c. *Permit to be sent him.*

At a meeting &c., Hartford, 9 March, 1778.

Present: His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Wm. Pitkin, Wm. Williams,
Roger Sherman, B. Payne, } Esq^{rs}.
Ab^{m} Davenport, And. Adams,

On motion and agreement of Mr. Colt and Col. Champion: Resolved, that an order of the Hon. President Laurens, dated York Town, Jany 27, 1778, on Jno. Lawrence, Esqr, Continental Loan Officer in this State, for the sum of 200,000 dollars, in favor of the Governor and Council of this State, be disposed as follows, *viz*: 50 thousand dollars in favor of Peter Colt, Esqr, D. Commissary Gen. of Purchases of the Eastern Department, and the remaining 150,000 dollars in favor of Col. Henry Champion, purchaser of beef cattle in said department; and that his Excellency the Governor be

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desired to inform Congress or the Board of Treasury of this disposition, that the same may be entered to the debit of said Colt and Champion.

And entry made on the order, and lodged with Jno. Lawrence, Esqr.

And the same day: absent Mr. Payn and Adams and present Mr. D. Sherman.

On motion by Wm. Griswold: Voted, that liberty be granted to the managers of the cannon foundery at Salisbury to sell and dispose to Capt. Wm. Griswold 16 six or four-pound cannon belonging to this State, at the rate and according to the rules heretofore given by this Board.

Copy d^d said Griswold.

AT A MEETING &C. AT LEBANON, MONDAY, 16 MARCH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Nath^ll Wales, Wm. Williams, Wm. Hilhouse, } Esq^rs.

Consulted and advised on sundry matters with the French Capt. Michel, lately arrived at N. London with a large cargo of goods &c.

Colo. McClellan, about his undertaking in the new order'd regiments, &c.

Cap. Niles, present, account of his late voyage.

Sundry letters wrote &c., but, there not being a quorum, past no votes.

Wrote Genl Wadsworth and Mr. Payn to attend on Thursday next.

And adjourn'd till Fryday next.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C., FRYDAY, 20TH MARCH, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jz. Huntington. Wm. Williams, Wm. Hilhouse, } Esq^rs.

Not a quorum present. Consulted sundry matters.

The Governor by approbation of those present gave a commission to Griffith for a whale-boat to cruize in the Sound.

And to for the same purpose.

And also, with approbation of those present, to Mrs. Winthrop on her petition for her two sons, Benjamin and Robert, to go into New York to the care of their uncle Major Sheriff, who offers to take and send them to London for their education, under such care or convoy as the selectmen of N. London shall approve &c.

Sundry persons apply about sundry things &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C., MARCH 21ST, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse, William Williams, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Sundry matters were in consideration which spent the greater part of this day, but no quorum to transact sundry important matters which need to be done.

Adjourned till Monday, March 23^d.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C., MARCH 23D, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Wm. Williams, Benj. Huntington,
James Wadsworth, } Esq^rs.

Sundry letters wrote and matters agitated and considered of, but no votes pass'd.

Adjourn'd till tomorrow morning.

Acas Shefield for Second Lieutenant at Stonington.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MARCH 24TH. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.

Jabez Huntington, James Wadsworth,
Roger Sherman, Benj. Payne,
Wm. Pitkin, William Hillhouse,
William Williams, Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Sundry matters deliberated upon, but no votes pass'd this day.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON ON THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, William Hillhouse,
William Williams, Nathaniel Wales,
James Wadsworth, Benja. Payne, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That Andrew Rowland, Esqr, deliver to Mr. Edward Hallam, commissary at New London, five barrells of pork, who is hereby appointed to receive the same; also to Capt. Sam^ll Squier, commissary at Fairfield, fourteen barrells of beef, who is hereby appointed to receive the same; taking their receipts for the same, in part payment of the provisions due from said Rowland to this State, and that he procure as soon as may be such quantity of salted beef, pork, and flour as may be still due, and advise this Board thereof, that further order may be made thereon.

Voted, That Mr. John Ireland, an inhabitant of Long Island in the State of New York and there taken prisoner in arms against the United States and now kept and residing within this State, be and he is hereby indulg'd and permitted to return to said Long Island and New York, for the purpose of procuring necessary cloathing &c., on giving his parole in common form, and to return and deliver himself to the Deputy Commissary General of Prisoners in this State within thirty days from the 25th day of March, 1778.

This Board do appoint Joseph Harriss jun^r, Esqr, to be Major in the battalion ordered to be raised in the third brigade in this State for the defence of this and the United States, in the room of Joshua Huntington, Esqr, resigned.

John Ripley, Esqr, is appointed Major of one of the battalions ordered by the General Assembly at their last session to be raised for the defence of this State, in the room of Levi Welles, Esqr, resigned.

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John Penfield, Esqr, is appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the battalion ordered to be raised by the General Assembly at their last session, in the second brigade in this State for the defence of this and the United States of America, in the room of James Arnold, Esqr, resigned.

William Ledyard, Esqr, is appointed to command the forts at New London, Groton and Stonington, with the rank and pay of a major, and to superintend the works, give proper orders about the military stores and tools in said fortifications; to continue in service untill the first day of January next.

William Latham is appointed Captain of the matross or artillery company ordered to be raised and stationed at Groton the year ensuing, or untill the first day of January next.

Youngs Ledyard is appointed First Lieutenant of the matross or artillery company stationed at Groton &c.

Achas Shiffield is appointed Lieutenant of the company of twenty men stationed at Stonington &c.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table, directing said committee to draw on the Treasurer of this State in favour of Nathaniel Shaw jun^{r}, Esqr, for five thousand pounds, to be in account with this State.

Agreeable hereto an order drawn and d^{d} to Mr. Thomas Shaw.

Voted, That Nathl Shaw jun^{r}, Esqr, agent for this State, be authorized and directed to purchase of Capt. Michel of the ship *Lyon* lately arriv'd at New London from France, seven hundred and fifty bushells of salt, for the use of this State; and if he has already engaged more, that he may relinquish the overplus to Mr. Colt or any continental purchasing commissary for the use of the United States; and that said Mr. Shaw send one third part of what he shall so purchase to Norwich, one third to East Hadham, and the remainder to Middletown, and lodge the same in proper stores, to be kept for the use of this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, James Wadsworth,
William Williams, William Hillhouse,
Benja. Payne, } Esq^{rs}.

Letter sent to John Dishon, Esqr, respecting getting out the ship *Trumbull.*

Letter drafted and sent to Nath^{ll} Shaw jun^{r}, Esqr, in answer to his received yesterday by his brother, relative to goods, cloathing, salt &c.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table be authorized, upon application of any of the proper officers of either of the six battalions lately ordered to be raised for the defence of this State, to order such an advance of money to them to fill up their companies or battalions, agreeable to the encouragements given by the act of Assembly for raising said battalions, taking proper security for the disposition thereof.

This Board do appoint Mr. John Odel to be Lieutenant of a company of matrosses of 24 men, to be raised and stationed at Fairfield.

Voted, That Messrs. Benjamin Henshaw and William Whiting be and they are hereby continued Overseers and Managers of the furnace or foundry at Salisbury with the appurtenances and all other buildings and estate

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of Richard Smith late of Boston, situate and being in said Salisbury, ordered by the General Assembly at their last session to be taken up and improved for the use and benefit of this State, and to observe the orders and directions they shall from time to time receive from the General Assembly or this Board, and to be accountable for their conduct and management of the same when thereto required, and to continue in said business untill further order.

Voted, That the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury proceed immediately to make the necessary preparation to put the said furnace in blast for the ensuing year by collecting the several articles necessary for that purpose: particularly that they take effectual care to provide a sufficient stock of oar and charcoal; that they inform themselves of the terms and prices on which teams may be either hired or purchased for the transporting the same to the furnace, and report the same to this Board in due time, that measures may be taken thereon accordingly; and the said managers are further directed to use their best endeavours to purchase a sufficient quantity of wood as near as may be to said furnace, (if to be obtained,) upon reasonable terms, for the purpose of making coal, and to enquire after wood or woodland which may be purchased and the terms on which it may be bought, and give information thereof to this Board; that said managers be directed to employ a suitable number of men to be by them hired for carrying on said business, and make the necessary provision for their subsistence, and that they have liberty to exchange pig-iron for good barrel'd pork and for the better accommodation of the people to be employed in said service.

It is further voted, That there be built a small house on the said furnace lot, the expence thereof not to exceed the sum of one hundred pounds, lawfull money, for the use of Mr. Whiting and his family, and that the house in which Mr. Whiting now lives be used for the people to lodge and cook in &c., as the managers shall direct

And whereas it is represented to this Board that there remains due to the committee appointed to build the bridge lately ordered to be built across the river between the towns of Salisbury and Canaan, for building said bridge, about twenty-five pounds, lawfull money, for which no provision is made,

It is therefore further voted, That the said managers do enquire into the same and pay what shall be found justly due and in arrears for building said bridge, and charge the same to the account of this State.

Whereas the General Assembly of this State at their session at Hartford, 12th February, 1778, resolved that the furnace or foundry at Salisbury with the appurtenances and all other buildings and estate of Richard Smith late of Boston, situate in said Salisbury, shall be improved and occupied the year ensuing and untill further orders of this Assembly for the use and benefit of this State, in such manner as the Governor and Council of Safety shall order and direct, who are also by said act authorized and impowered to make such contracts, rules and orders for managing the same as they shall judge most beneficial and conducive to the public good, as by said act may appear; and whereas this Board have continued Messrs. Benja. Henshaw and William Whiting to be overseers and managers of said furnace and foundry, and who are also appointed to receive, take care of and improve all said estate for the benefit of said State, and for that purpose all persons concerned and who may have possession or improvement of any lands,

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buildings, tools, implements, utensils or articles whatever, belonging to said Smith within said town of Salisbury, are requested, ordered and directed, to deliver over and give possession thereof and of every part and parcel thereof to the said Henshaw and Whiting, managers, and to be improved as aforesaid, they to be accountable and to give their proper receipts for what they shall so receive; and all persons concerned are to take notice hereof and conform themselves accordingly.

Whereas Messrs. Otis & Andrews of Boston, Deputy Clothiers for the Continental Army, on the request of his Excellency the Governor by the advice of the Council of Safety, have sent into this State cloths and trimings to be made into garments for the continental soldiers, and have desired his Excellency the Governor to nominate some proper person to take upon him the management of and oversee the execution of said business,

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to appoint Major John Bigelow to take upon him the management of and oversee the making up said cloaths into proper garments for said soldiers agreeable to the patterns given, collect the accounts of the costs and charges of making and the number of suits made to cover the soldiers of each regiment, and the same exhibit to Messrs. Otis & Andrews for payment thereon; that he apply to them for directions how these cloaths may be carried to the army, and that he correspond from time to time with them touching said business and pursue such instructions as he may receive either from them or this Board in the premises, agreeable to the desire of Messrs. Otis & Andrews: to have commissions on any purchases and a reasonable allowance for his trouble in the affair according to what was offered Mr. David Trumbull.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer in favour of Major John Bigelow, superintendent of the making the cloathing for the continental soldiers, for the sum of two hundred pounds, to be in account with this State, to be replaced on his receipt of the same from Messrs. Otis & Andrews. *Order delivered 26th March, 1778, to Major Bigelow.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT LEBANON THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, William Hillhouse,
William Williams, Nathaniel Wales, } Esq^{rs}.
James Wadsworth, Benjamin Payne,

Mr. Trumbull from N. Haven presented a petition from that town, setting forth their exposed situation and great apprehensions &c. from the enemy, and a report of their committee approved by the town &c., praying for a number of men to be stationed there &c. &c., as per petition: Whereupon, after due consideration, voted, that his Excellency the Governor be desired to issue the following orders, *viz:* That Thaddeus Cook, Esqr, colonel of one of the battalions ordered to be raised by the General Assembly at their session on the 12th day of February last for the defence of this State, do forthwith detach and order two companies of his said battalion to march and take post at New Haven for the defence thereof and places adjacent, to be commanded by the major and such other officers as the said colonel shall direct: said officers to be in proportion to the number of non-

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commission officers and privates. And in case there be not two full companies already inlisted, that then said two companies be made up of such as have inlisted in any of the companies in said battalion: but if there be not a sufficient number already inlisted to make two companies, that said colonel be directed to apply to Brigadier Gen. Ward, who is hereby ordered and directed to draft from the militia in his brigade so many men as will be sufficient to compleat two companies as aforesaid, which said militia men are to be released from said service as fast as they can be relieved by such as shall be inlisted in said battalion and ordered on to said post; and that said militia be released at the discretion of the commanding officer on said station. And further, that said Colo. Cook do continue to order and send on for the defence of said post so many officers and privates as to complete three full companies.

[Phineas] Bradley, who was second lieutenant of the company of matrosses stationed at N. Haven the last year, is appointed Lieutenant of the company of matrosses, of 24 men, ordered by the Assembly to be station'd at said N. Haven the present year, and his orders sent by Col. S. Hall.

Commissions sent to Col. Thad. Cook, Lt. Col. Jno. Penfield, and Maj. Ab^{m} Tyler, and blanks signed for the commission officers of that, being the 2d, regiment ordered to be raised by act of Assembly in Feb. 1778, for defence of this State, *viz:* by Colo. Street Hall.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety holden at Lebanon the 28th day of March, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

William Williams, Wm. Hillhouse, James Wadsworth, Nath^{ll} Wales, Benja. Payne, } Esq^{rs}.

This Board do appoint John Shipman jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the company of matrosses consisting of 24 men ordered by the General Assembly to be raised and stationed at Saybrook the present year.

And consulted about sundry other matters &c.

At a meeting &c. at Lebanon, Monday, 30 March, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Very stormy, high wind at N. E. and snowy.

Jabez Huntington, *p.m.*, Wm. Hillhouse, Wm. Williams, Jas. Wadsworth, Benja. Payne, *p.m.* } Esq^{rs}.

Prepared, sealed &c., and sent by Colo. Bradley, commissions for three of the 6 battalions ordered by the last Assembly to be raised for defence of this and the United States, *viz:* Col. Mead's, Col. Enos' and Col. Hooker's. And sent commissions filled &c. to several officers of the matross companys, *viz:* Lt. Bradley, N. Haven; Benj. Hine, Milford; Jno. Odel, Fairfield; Wm. Seymour, Norwalk; Jno. Bean, Stamford; Sylvanus Marshall, of Greenwich.

N. B. Commissions for Colo. Thad. Cook's regiment were sent the 27, by Col. Street Hall.

John Trumbull exhibited an account for printing, amounting to £15. A certificate made thereon that it might be adjusted by the Pay-Table and order given for payment.

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Thos. Fanning exhibited an account for transferring the accounts of the Governor and Council of Safety, 10 days at 12*s.* per day. A certificate made thereon that it might be adjusted by the Pay-Table and order given for payment thereon.

Order given to Capt. Dewit of Norwich to receive of Maj^r Ledyard the two wrought iron cannon 4 *lb.* with the apparatus, which were removed from Norwich by Colo. Ely's regiment.

Order d^d Genl Huntington, March 30th, 1778.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, HOLDEN AT LEBANON, THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1778.

TUESDAY.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, James Wadsworth, William Williams, William Hillhouse, Benjamin Payne, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That Capt. Jacob Dewit be and he is hereby directed to provide the necessary apparatus for preparing for service the two field-pieces at Norwich which are mounted on carriages, and that he receive of Major Genl Huntington a sufficient quantity of powder and ball to compleat eighty cartridges, and make up forty cartridges for said pieces and forty for the wrought iron field-pieces which he will have under his care. And the said General Huntington is hereby directed to deliver to said Capt. Dewit powder and balls for the purpose aforesaid.

Paul Pinkham of the island of Nantuckett, master of the sloop *Fanny*, is permitted to sell in this State one hundred bushells of salt, four hundred weight of coffee, fifty gallons rum, nine barrells of tar, six barrells of turpentine, and one hundred and sixty kegs of lamp-black, at the regulated prices, and to purchase any articles he may have occasion for, except provisions of every kind, and flax exceeding one ton weight, hog's lard exceeding three firkins, leather and iron, being the property of the inhabitants of this State.

Voted, That Capt. Seth Harding be and he is hereby directed to pay unto Justus Jennings * his wages for the time he served on board the brig *Defence*, amounting to the sum of £54 0. 0.

Major Elijah Hide jun^r exhibited an account to this Board for expence and wages of four light-horse men to escort Genl Prescott from Lebanon to East Windsor, amounting to £5 5 0. An order drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table to draw on the Treasurer for the same and charge it to the United States.

Voted, That the resolution of Congress of the 2d of March instant, respecting the raising of Light-Horse in this and several other States to serve in the next campaign &c., be sent to the respective majors of the light-horse in this State as soon as conveniently may be.

Said resolution enclosed in letters to each major accordingly.

N. B. Prepared and sent by Genl Huntington the commissions for Col. Mott's battalion, ordered by the Assembly in Feb. last to be raised for defence of this State &c.

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* Justus Jennings, of Fairfield, entered as clerk on board the *Defence* March 10th, 1776. He lost a leg in the action in Boston Bay. His petition is in *Rev. War*, vii, 154.

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Also Maj^{r} Wm. Ledyard's, as commander of the forts of New London, Groton and Stonington; Lt. Young Ledyard, Cap. W. Latham, Cap. Shapley, First Lt. Richd Chapman, Second Lieut. Danl Dee, for N. L., and Lt. Archas Sheffield for Stonington matross company.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT LEBANON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.
James Wadsworth,
Benja. Payne.

This day spent in drafting letters to Congress, Board of War, Genl Putnam and Genl Silliman, &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD AT LEBANON THE 2D DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	Benjamin Payne,	Esquires.
William Williams,	William Hillhouse,	
James Wadsworth,	Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r},	

Mr. Samuel Felch, issuing commissary to Col. Durkee's regiment, made his resignation, dated Feb^{y}, 1778, which is accepted.

This day spent in consulting sundry matters and preparing letters &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT LEBANON ON THE 3D DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,	William Hillhouse,	Esq^{rs}.
William Williams,	Nathl Wales jun^{r},	
James Wadsworth,	Benjamin Payne,	

Daniel Hall jun^{r}, of Durham, exhibited his account for making 50 cartouch-boxes and 50 bayonet belts, amounting to £45. Delivered the same to Genl Wadsworth for the use of this State. Committee of Pay-Table directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same.

Jeremiah Butler of Durham exhibited his account for making 20 cartouch-boxes and 20 bayonet belts, amounting to £16. Pay-Table directed to draw for the same.

Voted, That the following orders be sent to Col. Mott, *viz:*

To Samuel Mott of the 3rd battalion ordered to be raised for the defence of this or the United States:

Detach from the battalion under your command one captain, two lieutenants and one ensign and 86 non-commission officers and privates, if such numbers are inlisted, to take post at a place called the Great Neck in New London; also one captain, two lieutenants, one ensign and 86 non-commission officers and privates, to take post at Groton, for the defence of those places. And in case numbers sufficient to compleat said two companies are not inlisted, you are to apply to Brigadier General Tyler, who is hereby directed immediately to give orders for detaching from the brigade under his command such number of non-commission officers and privates as may

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be wanting in said Col. Mott's battalion to compleat said two companies, and order the men so detached to join said companys to be stationed at New London and Groton, to continue in service untill they shall be relieved by such as shall inlist into said battalion, whom said Col. Mott is to order on for that purpose. You will make a weekly return of your regiment untill further order.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor be directed to give orders to Col. Mott to send on one company in addition to that already ordered to New London as soon as a sufficient number shall be inlisted in the battalion under his command, with a field officer to command.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table, directing them to draw on the Treasurer in favour of Col. William Worthington, for two hundred pounds for service done in attempting to annoy the enemy's shipping by orders from this Board, and to be in account with said Worthington.

Voted, That Capt. Richard Dickinson's account incurr'd for services &c. for brig *Minerva*, an arm'd vessell belonging to this State lately under the command of Capt. Giles Hall, be referr'd to the Committee of Pay-Table for settlement and to draw on the Treasurer for the ballance.

His Excellency the Governor is desired to write our Delegates in Congress relative to Bushnell's Machine, and desire them to lay the same before Congress &c. &c.

Voted, That Dr. Samuel Lee of Windham be and he is hereby discharged from being Surgeon to Col. Durkee's regiment in continental service.

Voted, That Dr. David Adams of Preston be and he is hereby appointed to be Surgeon to Col. Durkee's battalion in continental service, in the room of Dr. Samuel Lee discharged.

N. B. Governor gave an order on Colo. Henry Champion, to deliver Colo. Jonathan Fitch eight bbls. pork. Another on Mr. Elijah Hubbard. to deliver one ton of flour to Colo. Fitch. Both for the use of the troops stationed at New Haven. Given and d^d in a letter sent per Mr. Sam Thacher, 6th April, 1778.

Sent an answer to Capt. Eli Leavenworth, de shoes.

On motion by Ezekiel Williams, Esqr, Deputy Commissary General of Prisoners in this State, for liberty and authority to have and obtain a guard over the prisoners of the United States about to be confined on board a prison now fitted at New London and ready to receive the prisoners on board agreeable to the orders of Congress: Resolved, that he, said commissary, be supplied and furnished with a guard to consist of one lieutenant, one sergeant, one corporal and twenty privates, for the purpose of guarding the prisoners and to be under the direction of said commissary at the expence of the United States. And in case the said men cannot be otherwise obtained, the said commissary is to make application to Samuel Abbott, Esqr, colonel of the 20th regiment of militia of this State, who is hereby ordered and directed, if need be, to order a detachment of as many men out of his said regiment as shall be wanting and necessary to compleat said number for the purpose aforesaid.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 20TH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Nath^ll Wales jun^r, William Williams, William Hillhouse, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs

Sundry matters were this day had in consideration, but no votes pass'd.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 21ST, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Nath^ll Wales jun^r William Williams, William Hillhouse, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Voted, To draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of six thousand pounds, L. money, in favour of Sam^ll Elliot jun^r, Esqr, agent to this State at Boston, to be in account of business transacted by him for this State in the naval department. *Order drawn and d^d to Mr. Elliot himself, April 21st, 1778.*

Voted, That Mr. Sam^ll Elliot jun^r, agent to this State in Boston, be and he is desired to prepare his accounts and lay them before this Board for settlement at Hartford at some time during the session of Assembly in May next, if the same can be conveniently done.

Voted, That Sam^ll Elliot jun^r, Esqr, be and he is hereby directed to sell the guns, tallow, fat and bad bread in his hands belonging to this State, to the best advantage he can for the benefit of this State, and render his account thereof as soon as may be. Also, that the said Mr. Elliot be and he is hereby instructed to act his discretion for securing the stores in the State of the Massachusetts Bay belonging to this State, in such manner from time to time as he shall judge prudent, that they may not fall into the hands of the enemy.

Voted, To draw on Capt. Samuel Squire, commissary, for four tons of flour, in favor of Samuel Elliot jun^r, Esqr, that he may replace the same where borrowed by him for the use of this State.

Order d^d to Mr. Elliot April 21st, 1778.

Samuel Butt is accepted and established to be Lieutenant, and Benjamin Brown to be Ensign of the 6th company of alarm list in the 21st regiment of militia of this State, and his Excellency the Governor is desired to commissionate him accordingly.

Voted, That Jabez Stow be and he is hereby appointed to be Lieutenant Fire-Worker to the company of matrosses under command of Capt. Adam Shapley at New London, and his Excellency is desired to commissionate him accordingly. *Copy d^d to Mr. Sheffield.*

Voted, That Henry Denison of Stonington be and he is hereby appointed to be Second Lieutenant of the company of matrosses under command of Capt. Latham at Groton, and his Excellency the Governor is desired to commissionate him accordingly. *Copy d^d to Mr. Sheffield.*

Voted and resolved, That four men be allowed in addition to the number of matrosses under the command of Lt. Sheffield at Stonington, and said Sheffield is hereby ordered to inlist them accordingly.

Copy d^d to Mr. Sheffield.

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Voted and resolved, That Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr, be and he is hereby directed to take care for and deliver necessary provisions to Lieutenant Sheffield for the matrosses under his command at Stonington.

Copy d^{d} to Mr. Sheffield.

Voted and resolved, That an order be drawn on the store keeper at Preston, to deliver twelve barrells of pork for the use of the matrosses at Groton and Stonington. *Order drawn April 21st, 1778, d^{d} Mr. Sheffield.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on Genl Jabez Huntington for about 1200 *lb.* of cannon-powder, in favour of Wm. Ledyard, Esqr, major of matrosses at New London, Groton and Stonington. Also voted and ordered Nathl Wales jun^{r}, Esqr, to send forward 400 *lb.* of musquet-powder to said Major Ledyard as soon as may be, taking his receipt.

Order on Genl Huntington April 21st, 1778, d^{d} Mr. Sheffield.

Voted, That Genl Huntington be desired to prepare apparatus for the two wrought field-pieces at Norwich.

Voted, That Capt. Nathan Palmer be and he is hereby directed to deliver to Lt. Sheffield as many guns over and above the 8 that he hath as to arm his whole party of twenty-four men.

Copy d^{d} to Mr. Sheffield April 21st, 1778.

Voted and resolved, That Major Genl Wadsworth be and he is hereby directed to enquire into the state of the guards at New Haven and dismiss the militia there in the whole or in part as he shall judge best; and that he order the two companies raised in Col. Cooke's regiment to New Haven to take the place of the militia in service there; and that he order the next company raised in those parts to Guilford to guard the coast of that town as he shall judge best till further orders.

Voted, That Capts. Niles and Smith do immediately refit the *Dolphin* and *Spy*, lately under their respective commands.

Voted and Resolved, That Capt. Robert Niles be and he is hereby appointed to the command of the sloop *Dolphin*, and that he do immediately refit and prepare her for the sea in a suitable manner and engage sea-men necessary to man her for a merchant voyage to the West Indies and in order to take in such loading as may be prepared therefor.

Voted and resolved, That Capt. Zebadiah Smith do immediately refit and prepare for the sea the schooner *Spy* in a suitable manner and engage seamen necessary to man her for a voyage to the West Indies, and in order to take in such loading as may be prepared for that purpose, and to apply to Capt. Jabez Perkins for money and advice in the business.

Voted and resolved, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be and he is hereby appointed to procure and have ready a suitable quantity of staves and hoops to load said vessells *Dolphin* and *Spy*, for a voyage to the West Indies, and that he also collect all the hog's lard that belongs to this State in the care of Col. Champion and others, to be disposed of as he shall be ordered, and to attend to such further directions as he shall receive from this board.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 27TH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

N. B. Genl Spencer come in p. m.

Jabez Huntington, William Hillhouse, Joseph Spencer, Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r}, William Williams, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^{rs}.

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John Way is appointed Lieutenant Fire-Worker to the company of matrosses under command of Capt. Adam Shapley.

Voted, That Benj. Huntington is desired to permit Capt. Jabez Perkins to cut staves on the lands in his care belonging to the heirs of C^t Killby late of London, deceas'd.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins hath liberty to make use of one h^d of molasses and one h^d of sugar belonging to this State, in order to purchase staves and other articles to fit out the *Dolphin* and *Spy* for a voyage for the West Indies; and Capt. Bill is directed to deliver said Perkins the sugar, the molasses being in said Perkins's hands.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 28TH, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jabez Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse,
Joseph Spencer, Nath^ll Wales jun^r, } Esq^rs.
Wm. Williams, Benj. Huntington,

Voted and resolved, That Maj^r John Bigelow be and he is hereby appointed and directed to purchase woolen cloths at the lawful prices suitable for officers' cloathing from this State in continental service, to an amount not exceeding £3000 0 0, L. money; and also to take half the pieces of the linnens in his hands purchased of Capt. Michel, master of the French ship at New London, suitable for officers' shirts, and procure them to be made up for that use. The cloathing for the officers to be sent forward for them: such as can be made up to be done and the residue without making, with suitable linings and trimmings for the same, and that proper receipts be taken of the officers so furnished agreeably to the rules of Congress. That said Bigelow is directed to lay the prices of said cloathing and linnen before the Commissioners of Accounts at Hartford, who are hereby authorized to settle the prices at which the officers should account for them and the surplus to be charged to the United States. That said Bigelow lay the accounts of his doings and expences in this business before his Excellency the Governor and Council of Safety, as soon as may be.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON, WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY, 1778.

Present: His Excellency the Governor.

Jz. Huntington, Wm. Williams,
Jos. Spencer, Nath^ll Wales, } Esq^rs.
Wm. Hilhouse,

Sundry things consulted, and

Voted, That Dart, of N. London, be exempted from any military service for and during the time he shall be reasonably imployed in cutting and carrying 50 loads of wood to the fort at N. London, being requested by Capt. Hallam.

Voted, That Capt. Cockran may receive of Colo. Champion four barrels of pork for the use of the guard of 20 men stationed at Saybrook.

Order given.

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Voted, That Mr. David Trumbull may receive of Col. Champion two barrels of pork on account of so much delivered Cap. Niles of the schooner *Spy* sometime since and not charged, designing to have it replaced

The following memorandum and representation of Mark Foquet &c. was presented, *viz:*

To his Excellency Gov. Trumbull and the Council of Safety in the State of Connecticut,

The subscriber begs leave to represent to your Excellency and Council of Safety, in behalf of his father Cap. Nicholas Foquet and himself, that they are employed by the Hon. Continental Congress to inspect powder-mills and powder and salt-petre thro'out the United States of America, and while in any particular State to be under the direction of the Governor thereof; that they are to be supported at the expence of said United States, and are by Congress impowered to call on any continental quarter-master in any State for such assistance and support as they may need; that the Congress furnished them at York Town with a waggon, four horses and a waggon-master, to convey them and their baggage from State to State; their waggon-master deserted them at Hartford, since they came into this State; that their money is now nearly expended and that considerable expence has arisen since they came into this State and more will arise; that they must go to the Eastern States when his Excellency Gov. Trumbull shall direct; that there is no quarter-master in this State to whom they can apply: They, therefore, pray your Excellency and Council to give orders that they may be furnished with a waggon-master and such sum of money as may be necessary to defray their expence while here and to convey them to such State as they shall be directed; and as in duty bound &c.

Dated at Lebanon, 6 May, 1778. MARC FOQUET.

Whereupon it is voted and requested, That Nath[l] Wales, Esq., be desired to advance to the said Nicholas and Mark a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, to be repaid him and charg'd the continent.

On the request of Maj[r] Wm. Ledyard, representing the necessity of 5 doz. of spades and shovels for carrying on the works at the forts at New London and Groton: Voted, that said Major Ledyard be authorized to procure 5 doz. of spades and shovels for carrying on said works, or as much less as may answer the end, and to be under his care, to be obtained in the most reasonable manner.

Voted, That said Major Ledyard be authorized to provide and procure three or four head workmen in the business of laying stone, to be obtained out of the men employed in the public service at and about said forts, if practicable, and they to have a reasonable additionable allowance, or in the best and most reasonable manner he can, to be employed in the works on Fort Trumbull at New London. *Order sent by Gen. Huntington.*

Voted, That Capt. Edward Hallam, commissary of the fort at N. London, receive of Mr. Creary at Preston eight barrels of pork belonging to this State in his hands, for the use of the garrison at said fort; and said Creary is ordered to deliver the same, taking a receipt accordingly.

Order sent by Gen. Huntington.

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APPENDIX.

I.

THE PROVIDENCE CONVENTION.

DECEMBER 25, 1776, TO JANUARY 3, 1777.

[The proposition for a Convention of the New England States came from Massachusetts. It was at first declined by Connecticut, on the ground that Congress was taking up the subject of the currency and we had fears lest jealousies would be occasioned in the other States, and so a cordial union be endangered. *American Archives*, 5th series, iii. The proceedings of this Convention were laid before Congress January 28th, 1777.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE STATES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY, CONNECTICUT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, CONVENED AT PROVIDENCE ON WEDNESDAY THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF DECEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX.

Present:

The Hon'ble Thomas Cushing, Esquire, Azor Orne, Esquire, The Hon'ble Tristram Dalton, Esquire,	From the State of the Massachusetts Bay.
The Hon'ble Eliphalet Dyer, Esquire, The Hon'ble Richard Law, Esquire, Nathaniel Wales jun^{r}, Esquire, Titus Hosmer, Esquire,	From the State of Connecticut.
General Nathaniel Folsom, Esquire, The Hon'ble Josiah Bartlet, Esquire, Colonel Supply Clap,	From the State of New Hampshire.
The Hon'ble Stephen Hopkins. Esquire, The Hon'ble William Bradford, Esquire, Henry Ward, Esquire,	From the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Who produced their several appointments and powers which are as follows, *viz:*

In the House of Representatives, November 16th, 1776.

Resolved, That the Hon'ble Tristram Dalton and Azor Orne, Esquires, with such as the Hon'ble Board shall join, be a Committee to meet Committees from the General Assemblies of the States of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, at Providence in Rhode Island, the tenth day of December next, provided said Assemblies think proper to appoint such committees. Then and there to hold a conference respecting further emissions of paper currency on the credit of any of said States,— also on measures necessary for supporting the credit of the public currencies thereof, — and that the said Committee (if the committees of the other States so met agree

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thereto) be empowered to communicate to the other United States of America, the intention of their Convention, and urge that some measures be taken by them to the same purpose, and to give like information to the Hon'ble the Continental Congress, and propose to them whether the Regulation of the Currencies is not an object of necessary attention,—and to report as soon as may be.

And it is ordered, that the Secretary immediately transmit authenticated copies of this resolve to the General Assemblies of the several States aforementioned.

Sent up for Concurrence,

J. WARREN, Speaker.

In Council, November 16th 1776: Read and Concurred, and Thomas Cushing is joined on the part of the Board.

JOHN AVERY, Dep. Secr'y.

Consented to by the Major Part of the Council.

A True Copy,

(Copy.) *Attest.* JOHN AVERY Dep'y Secr'y.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 16th, 1776.

The Board taking into their consideration a letter from the Hon'ble Nicholas Cooke Esquire, Governor of the State of Rhode Island inclosing a Resolve of the General Assembly of said State proposing that this State should appoint a Committee to meet the twenty-third day of this instant (or as much sooner as possible) in the town of Providence in Rhode Island with a Council of War appointed by said State to confer upon the expediency of raising an army for immediate defence against the British fleet and army now within the State of Rhode Island, and to consult upon every measure necessary to be taken for the support of the common cause.

Thereupon Resolved, that it is highly necessary and expedient that the Hon'ble Thomas Cushing, Azor Orne and Tristram Dalton, Esquires, (a committee appointed the sixteenth day of November last by the General Assembly of this State, to proceed to Providence and confer with such committees as might be appointed by the several States of New-England, upon the measures necessary to support the credit of the public currencies of said States.) should proceed and they are hereby impowered to proceed to Providence in Rhode Island, and on the part and in behalf of this State on the twenty third instant, there to meet and to confer with the Council of War appointed by the Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, and also with such other Committees as may be appointed by the States of Connecticut and New-Hampshire, upon the expediency of raising an army for our immediate and common defence; upon the measures necessary to support the credit of the public currencies of the New-England States, for preventing monopolies and the high price of goods and the necessaries of life, regulation of vendues, embargo on shipping, and such other matters as are of general concernment to the New England States and not repugnant to or interfering with the powers and authorities of the Continental Congress, and report the result of their conference to the General Court; and the Secretary is hereby directed to notify the gentlemen before mentioned of this resolution of the Board, inclose them a copy of the same, and desire them immediately to signify to the Board, whether they shall proceed upon the business aforesaid or not.

A True Copy,

Attest. JOHN AVERY, D. Secr'y.

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STATE OF CONNECTICTT, SS. AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT MIDDLETOWN BY ADJOURNMENT ON THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. DOM. 1776.

(*Loc. Sigilli.*)

Whereas a large body of troops of the British army, defended by a strong fleet, have taken possession of the island of Rhode Island, and threaten an invasion of some of the adjoining States of New England; and whereas the State of Massachusetts Bay and the State of Rhode Island have proposed that Committees from the States of New England meet at Providence in the State of Rhode Island as soon as may be to consult for their immediate defence and safety; and whereas from the operations of war in New-York, and New Jersey, a free communication with the Congress is in some measure interrupted, and the General and army of the United States are employed in their defence against the common enemy: Resolved by this Assembly, that Eliphalet Dyer, Richard Law, Nathaniel Wales jun^r, and Titus Hosmer, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee in behalf of this State to meet the Committees of the other States of New England at Providence in the State of Rhode Island or at any other place where they may convene on the twenty-third day of December instant, or as soon as may be, and consult with them of the expediency of raising and appointing an army for the more immediate defence of the New England States against the threatened invasion, as well as for the more general defence in the common cause, and of such regulations as may be necessary to support the credit of our currencies, to prevent oppressing the soldiers and inhabitants by extravagant prices, and in general of every measure to expedite the raising and appointing an army or necessary for the common defence, and to make report to this Assembly, or in the recess thereof to his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety, of whatever they may judge fit to be done, for approbation, and that suitable measures may be pursued thereon until the whole subject matter can be laid before the Honorable Congress of the United States of America, measures taken and directions given by them thereon.

A True Copy of Record,
Examined by GEORGE WYLLYS, Secr'y.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 19th 1776.

Voted, To choose a Committee of three persons of this State to repair to Providence in the State of Rhode Island, with full power in conjunction with the other New-England States, to lay a plan for settling an army or sufficient force there; and that General Nathaniel Folsom, the Hon'ble Josiah Bartlet, Esqr and Col^o. Supply Clap be the Committee of this State for that purpose.

Sent up for Concurrence,
JOHN LANGDON, Speaker.

In Council *eadem die*, Read and Concurred,
E. THOMPSON, Secr'y.
Copy examined per E. THOMPSON, Secr'y.

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AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, BEGUN AND HOLDEN IN PROVIDENCE IN THE COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE WITHIN AND FOR THE STATE AFORESAID ON FRIDAY DECEMBER THE THIRTEENTH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX.

Whereas a large body of the enemy hath taken possession of the island of Rhode Island, and is endeavoring to penetrate the country, so that it is become necessary for the public utility of this State, that a Council of War be immediately appointed,

Therefore voted and resolved, That his Honor the Governor, his Honor the Deputy Governor, the Hon'ble Stephen Hopkins, Esquire, Ambrose Page, Esqr, Mr. John Tanner, John Dexter, Esqr, the Hon'ble Joshua Babcock, Esqr, Mr. Cromel Child, the Hon'ble William Greene, Esqr, and Henry Ward, Esquire, be and they are hereby appointed a Council of War; that they or any five of them are fully empowered to do, act and transact, all and every thing and matter for the well being and security of this State, and the United States in general; that they make and ordain all such rules, orders and regulations for the well governing, ordering, disciplining, cloathing and supplying the army now raised, or that may be raised, by this State and the other neighbouring States in conjunction (if such an army should be so raised) as to them shall seem right and just; and that all such rules, orders and regulations by them made in the recess of the General Assembly shall be of as full force and authority to all intents and purposes as though made and passed by this General Assembly.

The above and preceding is a true copy of the Act of Assembly constituting a Council of War. Witness HENRY WARD, Secr'y.

Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be requested to write to the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut, inclosing the Resolve of the General Assembly appointing a Council of War, and requesting that each of said States appoint a committee to meet the twenty-third of this instant, or as much sooner as possible, in the town of Providence in this State with said Council of War to confer upon the expediency of raising an army for the immediate defence against the British fleet and army now within this State whereby the militia may be relieved; and in general to consult upon every measure necessary to be taken for the support of the common cause.

A True Copy,

Witness, HENRY WARD, Secr'y.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, December 27th, 1776.

This Assembly having requested a Conference with the other States of New England at Providence, who have accordingly appointed committees, but with other powers and authorities than are given by this State, and consisting of a less number: It is therefore

Resolved, That the Honorable William Bradford, Esquire, the Hon'ble Stephen Hopkins, Esqr, and Henry Ward, Esqr, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to confer with the committees of the States of Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and New Hampshire, now convened in this State, upon the expediency of raising and appointing an army for the more immediate defence of the New England States against the threatened invasion as well as for the more general defence in the common cause, and of such regulations as may be necessary to support the credit of our currencies,

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to prevent the oppressing the soldiers and inhabitants by extravagant prices, and in general of every measure to expedite the raising and appointing an army or necessary for common defence, and to make report to this Assembly of whatever they may judge fit to be done, for approbation and that suitable measures may be pursued thereon, until the whole subject matter can be laid before the Hon'ble Congress of the United States of America and measures taken and directions given by them thereon; and that this appointment be considered as having been made, and taking place on the twenty-fifth instant.

A True Copy,

Witness HENRY WARD, Secr'y.

The Committee proceed. and make choice of The Hon'ble Stephen Hopkins, Esquire. President, Rowse J. Helme, Clerk.

Upon motion, resolved, That application be made by this Committee to the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay to give orders to such part of the militia as are under the command of Major-General Lincoln and were ordered to march, or who may be marching through the State of Rhode Island to be retained in the said State of Rhode Island to oppose that body of the enemy who have landed therein until a representation of the matter be made to Congress, and they shall give directions respecting them, or until the further motions of the enemy shall make it necessary to march them elsewhere, or further orders from the said General Court.

Upon motion, resolved, That application be made by this Committee to Major General Ward to give orders to the regiment in the continental service stationed in New-Hampshire to march immediately to Providence in the State of Rhode Island for the defence of that State.

Henry Ward, Esquire, appointed to draft two letters, one to the Hon'ble Council of the Massachusetts-Bay, and the other to the Hon'ble General Ward.—Mr. Ward having laid before the committee the letters he was nominated to draft, they are approved of. And the clerk is directed immediately to make fair copies of the same, to be signed by the President and forthwith dispatched.

The Committee adjourn until to morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1776.

The Committee met according to adjournment.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

The question being put, whether the State of Connecticut be requested to send any part of the four battalions in the service of that State now under marching orders to the North River, to the defence of the State of Rhode Island, it passed in the negative; the Committee being unanimously of opinion that those troops are necessary for the security of the posts upon the North River and the stores there collected, which is of the utmost importance to the United States.

Upon motion, resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that while so large a body of the enemy is in possession of Rhode Island, it is necessary to keep six thousand men in the State of Rhode Island to oppose them; who may consist of the troops from the Massachusetts Bay, under the command of General Lincoln, ordered to march or who may be marching through the said State, supposed to be about three thousand; of the battalion

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of Continental troops now in the State of New-Hampshire, being about four hundred and fifty; of the two battalions now raising in the State of Rhode Island, consisting of seven hundred and fifty men each; and of such continental troops as are raised in the States of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire and may be most conveniently marched as will complete the number of six thousand. That for this purpose two battalions from the Massachusetts Bay and one from New-Hampshire be ordered to march to the State of Rhode Island, in parties, as soon as twenty men or more belonging to a company be raised; of which three battalions, one thousand are to remain in the State of Rhode Island, until further orders from Congress, or the State in which they are raised, and the others may march on: And that it be recommended to the States of the Massachusetts-Bay and New Hampshire to give the necessary orders for the march of the said battalions as aforesaid.

Resolved, That during the continuance of the enemy in the State of Rhode Island, it be recommended to the several States in New-England to put the forces they may send into the said State under the command of Major-General Lincoln, until further orders from the respective States to which they belong, or the General Congress.

The Committee adjourn until to morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1776.

The Committee met according to adjournment.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

This Committee, taking into consideration the currency of paper bills emitted by the States of New-England, in lieu of money, for the prosecution of the present war, and being fully convinced, that it is absolutely necessary to prevent their depreciation, as it will be impossible for the States to establish and support an army, upon which the safety of the country under God depends, without preserving the credit of such emissions, do resolve as follows:

As the paper bills now circulating far exceed the quantity necessary for a medium of exchange, and of course the surplus must greatly tend to depreciate the whole: It is recommended to the abovementioned States, that no further emissions be made, but that the several treasuries be supplied by taxes and by borrowing the necessary sums to be repaid in three years or sooner from their date with an interest not exceeding five *per centum per annum*, unless upon a critical contingency there may be an absolute necessity of an immediate supply, and the money cannot be procured upon loan; in which case it is recommended that bills be emitted redeemable in three years or sooner with an interest of four *per cent. per annum*, and that the State emitting the same notify the other States of such emission.

The Committee are governed in fixing the rate of interest for money borrowed at five *per cent.* by this consideration, that the notes given by the continental treasurers are a better security than those issued by any particular State, and will have a more general credit, which will make a difference of one *per cent.* in the premium for money borrowed.

That it be recommended to the several States forthwith to levy such taxes upon the inhabitants as their abilities will bear.

That it be recommended to the several States to call in the bills of credit at the expiration of the periods for which they were severally emitted

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in the best manner they can devise to give reasonable and just satisfaction to the possessors of the bills.

The Committee have great hopes that a strict adherence to these measures will effectually establish the credit of the bills.

The Committee adjourn until to morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1776.

The Committee met according to adjournment.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

They took into consideration the affixing and regulating the prices of the necessary and convenient articles of life, and having made some progress therein, postponed the further consideration thereof.

The Committee adjourn until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

Pursuant to the resolution of this committee entered into on the twenty-sixth instant, application having been made to the General Court of the Massachusetts-Bay to give orders to the forces of that State under the command of Major-General Lincoln ordered to march, and who were marching through the State of Rhode Island, to be halted in that State to oppose the enemy who have made a descent therein; and also to Major-General Ward, to direct the continental regiment in New Hampshire to march to the said State of Rhode Island; and the said General Court having ordered General Lincoln with the greatest part of the troops under his command to march to Danbury in Connecticut, and Major-General Ward having acquainted this Committee that the said continental regiment is under marching orders for Ticonderoga, which cannot be revoked; and it is necessary to supply the deficiency occasioned thereby;

It is therefore resolved, That the body of six thousand men in the above-mentioned resolution, declared by this Committee to be necessary for the defence of the said State of Rhode Island, be supplied by the several States in New England, as follows, to wit:

The Massachusetts-Bay —		
Part of the troops under General Lincoln,	1300	
Militia,	550	
A company of Artillery,	50	
		1900
Connecticut —		
Including one of the four Battalions raising in that State to supply the deficiency in the Continental Army,		1092
New-Hampshire,		300
Rhode Island —		
Two Battalions inlisted for 15 months,	1500	
Regiment of Artillery for 15 months,	300	
		1800
Continental troops,		1000
		6092

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Which will make the number about six thousand, as recommended in the resolution referred to.

It is recommended to the States of the Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and New Hampshire, to continue the forces by them sent as aforesaid into the said State of Rhode Island, keeping up their full numbers until further orders from the respective States by which they are sent, or from the General Congress. And that said troops and all others sent into the State of Rhode Island be under the command of the General of the Continental army commanding in said State.

The Committee adjourn until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

It is recommended by this Committee to the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, that they cause all the cannon which are not absolutely necessary for the immediate defence of said State to be removed to some place of security.

This Committee did re-assume the consideration of affixing and regulating the prices of the necessary and convenient articles of life, and referred the same until to-morrow.

The Committee adjourn until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Present: The same members as yesterday saving the President and Mr. Wales.

The Committee appointed the Hon'ble William Bradford, Esqr, President.

This Committee having re-assumed the consideration of affixing and regulating the prices of the necessary and convenient articles of life came into the following resolutions:

This Committee taking into consideration the unbounded avarice of many persons, by daily adding to the now most intolerable exorbitant price of every necessary and convenient article of life, and also the most extravagant price of labour in general, which at this time of distress, unless a speedy and effectual stop be put thereto, will be attended with the most fatal and pernicious consequences, as it not only disheartens and disaffects the soldiers who have nobly entered into service for the best of causes, by obliging them to give such unreasonable prices for those things that are absolutely needful for their very existence, that their pay is not sufficient to subsist them; but is also very detrimental to the country in general.

Wherefore it is recommended by this Committee, That the rates and prices hereafter enumerated be affixed and settled within the respective States in New England, to wit:

Farming Labour in the summer season shall not exceed three shillings and four pence *per diem*, and so in the usual proportion at other seasons of the year, and the labour of mechanicks and tradesmen and other labour to be computed according to the usages and customs that have heretofore been adopted and practiced in different parts of the several States compared with farming labour.

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Wheat. Good merchantable wheat shall not exceed the price of seven shillings and six pence per bushell, in any part of the States of the Massachusetts-Bay, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and six shillings per bushel in any part of the State of Connecticut.

Rye. Good merchantable Rye shall not in the State of Connecticut exceed three shillings and six pence per bushell, and not in any part of the States of the Massachusetts-Bay, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, four shillings and six pence per bushell.

Indian Corn. Good merchantable Indian corn shall not in any part of the State of the Massachusetts Bay exceed three shillings and four pence per bushel, and not in any part of the State of Connecticut three shillings per bushel, and not in any part of the States of New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, three shillings and six pence per bushel.

Wool. Good merchantable sheep's wool shall not in any part of the States of Massachusetts-Bay, Connecticut, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, exceed two shillings per pound, nor in any part of the State of New Hampshire, two shillings and two pence per pound.

Pork, in any part of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, shall not exceed those weighing from

5 to.....7 score,.....	4^d	per pound,
7 to.....10 score,.....	$4\frac{1}{4}$	
all above...10 score,.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	

in any part of the State of Connecticut, shall not exceed those weighing from

5 to..... 7 score,.....	$3\frac{1}{4}^d$	per pound,
7 to.....10 score,.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	
all above..10 score,.....	$3\frac{3}{4}$	

in any part of the State of New Hampshire, shall not exceed those weighing from

5 to..... 7 score,.....	$4\frac{1}{2}^d$	per pound,
7 to.....10 score,.....	$4\frac{3}{4}$	
all above..10 score,.....	5	

in any part of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, shall not exceed those weighing from

5 to..... 7 score,.....	$3\frac{1}{2}^d$	per pound.
7 to.....10 score,.....	4	
all above..10 score,.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	

Beef. Grass-fed beef of the best quality in any part of the States of the Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, shall not exceed three pence per pound, and in any part of the State of Connecticut shall not exceed twenty-four shillings per hundred weight. And so in that proportion in the said several States for stall-fed beef, and likewise beef of an inferior quality.

Hides. Raw hides shall not exceed three pence per pound, in any part of either of said States.

Salt. Good merchantable salt shall not exceed ten shillings per bushel in any part of either of said States.

Rum. Good merchantable West India rum shall not in either of said States exceed six shillings and eight pence per gallon by the hogshead, seven shillings and eight pence per single gallon, and two shillings per quart, and so in like proportion for smaller quantities, according to the old and accustomed usages for retailing smaller quantities, in any part of said States, save

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allowing one penny per gallon for every ten miles the same shall be convey'd by land carriage from the first port of delivery for the cost charge and risque in carrying the same. New England rum of the best quality shall not in any part of the said States exceed three shillings and ten pence per gallon by the hogshead, four shillings per gallon by the barrel, and four shillings and six pence by the single gallon, at the ports and places where the same shall be first distilled (exclusive of the cask) and so in like proportion for smaller quantities, according to the old and accustomed usages for retailing smaller quantities, save allowing one penny per gallon for every ten miles the same shall be conveyed by land carriage from the place of distillery, for the cost charge and risque in carrying the same.

Sugar. Best Muscovado sugar shall not in any of said States exceed fifty-four shillings per hundred weight by the hogshead, sixty shillings by the single hundred weight, and eight pence per pound, at the first port of delivery, allowing nine pence per hundred weight for every ten miles land carriage the same may be conveyed from the first port of delivery to defray the expence in carrying the same.

Molasses. Molasses of the best quality shall not in any of said States exceed three shillings and four pence per gallon by the hogshead, three shillings and eight pence by the barrel, and four shillings by the single gallon, at the first port of delivery, allowing one penny per gallon for every ten miles land carriage the same may be conveyed from the said first port of delivery, to defray the expence of carrying the same. Making the accustomed and usual allowances for molasses of an inferior quality.

Cheese. American manufactured cheese shall not exceed six pence per pound in any part of either of said States.

Butter. Butter of the best quality shall not exceed ten pence per pound, in any part of either of said States.

Pease. Pease shall not exceed eight shillings per bushel, in any part of either of said States.

Beans. Beans of the best quality shall not exceed six shillings per bushel, in any part of either of said States.

Potatoes, commonly called Spanish potatoes, of the best sort, shall not in the fall of the year exceed one shilling and four pence per bushel, and not at any season of the year exceed two shillings per bushel, in any part of either of said States.

Stockings. Men's good yarn stockings shall not exceed six shillings per pair in any part of either of said States, and in such proportion to those of an inferior quality.

Shoes. Men's neat's leather shoes of the best sort shall not exceed eight shillings per pair in any part of either of said States, and other shoes in proportion according to their quality.

Salted Pork. Salted pork by the barrel, two hundred and twenty pounds weight in each barrel, shall not in any part of the State of the Massachusetts Bay and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations exceed four pounds twelve shillings per barrel, in the State of Connecticut four pounds four shillings per barrel, and in any part of the State of New Hampshire five pounds per barrel.

Cotton. Cotton shall not exceed three shillings per pound by the bag, and three shillings and eight pence per the single pound, in any part of either of said States.

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Oats. Good oats shall not exceed two shillings per bushel, in any part of either of the said States.

Flax. Good well dressed merchantable flax shall not exceed one shilling per pound, in any part of either of the States of Massachusetts-Bay, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and shall not in any part of the State of Connecticut exceed ten pence per pound.

Coffee. Good coffee shall not exceed one shilling and four pence by the single pound, in any part of either of the said States.

Tallow. Good tried tallow shall not exceed seven pence half-penny per pound, in any part of either of said States.

Tow-Cloth. Good yard-wide tow-cloth shall not exceed two shillings and three pence per yard, in any part of either of said States, and so in proportion according to its quality. Coarse linnens to be computed after the rate of tow-cloth, allowing therefor the reasonable worth.

Flannels. Good yard-wide striped flannel shall not exceed three shillings and six pence per yard, in any part of either of the said States, and other flannels in proportion according to their widths and qualities, and other woolen cloths in like proportion.

This Committee, considering that goods in general, imported, have of late, owing to the unbounded avarice of some persons, been sold by wholesale at the exorbitant advance of five and six hundred *per cent.* from the prime cost, and retailed out at the unreasonable profit of forty or fifty *per cent.* or more in addition thereto, which has been the occasion of great oppression, especially to the poor consumer, do, to correct and rectify such exorbitances, recommend that, notwithstanding the great risque of a voyage to and from Europe, the high rate of insurance, the difficulty of procuring articles suitable for that market, the loss upon those exported, the increased expences and length of the voyage, and the real necessity of importing many commodities from thence, the price of European goods which have been or shall be imported, as also all such goods which have been or shall be brought into any of said States in any prize vessel, shall not exceed the following rates, which this committee is of opinion will allow but a reasonable profit to the adventurer.

Woolen goods, coarse linnens, duck, ticklenbourgs, and ozenbriggs shall not be sold by wholesale at a higher rate than in proportion of two hundred and seventy-five pounds sterling for what cost one hundred pounds sterling in Europe; and not any other goods, wares and merchandize, imported from thence, or brought into any port in said States in any prize vessel, shall be sold at wholesale at a higher rate than in the proportion of two hundred and fifty pounds sterling for what cost one hundred pounds sterling in Europe, excepting warlike and military stores, the prices of which the Committee are of opinion need not be limited; and the retailers of such goods shall not sell them at a higher advance than twenty *per cent.* upon the wholesale price.

This Committee further recommend that the several legislative bodies within the said respective States affix and ascertain the price of wood, hay, pine boards, plank, joist, hoops, shingles, charcoal, tanned leather, cotton and linnen cloths, mutton, veal, and flour, and also the rates of carting, which can be much better done in the several States than by this Committee.

It is further recommended to the respective legislatures aforesaid to regulate or prohibit vendues and other public sales, in such manner as not to interfere with, but so as to inforce the several regulations recommended as aforesaid.

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It is further recommended to the abovementioned States to empower suitable persons in their respective States to open any ware-houses, stores, or other places where goods are deposited which are necessary for the use of the army or navy and are with-held by monopolizers, engrossers, or others, and to take and apply such goods to the use aforesaid, paying the owners thereof at the rate at which such goods are valued in this resolution; and in case the goods so taken are not herein rated, at a reasonable appraisement to be made by indifferent persons.

It is further recommended, as it is of great importance, that the mode of carrying the resolves aforesaid into execution in the respective States be uniform and effectual.

This Committee recommend it as necessary that the respective States prohibit the sale of any of the articles aforesaid at any higher price than they are above rated, under severe penalties and forfeitures, which in the opinion of this Committee may be as follows, to wit:

For any and every article or articles sold at or under the price of twenty shillings, a penalty of twenty shillings; and for each and every article or articles sold at a higher price than twenty shillings, a penalty of the price at which they shall be sold.

And that the respective States regulate the mode of recovering such penalties as they shall judge most agreeable to their circumstances, and most likely to prevent the breaches of the acts they may pass in pursuance of the recommendation aforesaid.

And this Committee further recommend it to the abovementioned legislatures to give and grant a bounty of two shillings upon each and every bushel of good salt made and manufactured within any of said States from sea water, said bounty to continue and be given as aforesaid, until the first day of January, A.D. 1779.

This Committee, taking into consideration the bounties and allowances offered by Congress for inlisting the continental battalions appointed as the quotas of the four New England States, are of opinion that in the present situation of the aforesaid States it is impracticable to fill those battalions without giving a still further encouragement to men to inlist, and that it is of the utmost necessity to complete them with all possible dispatch.

And the said States having given different encouragements in their several States for filling the said battalions; and this Committee being also of opinion that if the said States act upon one uniform plan it will be attended with many advantages, do resolve, that it be recommended to the several legislatures of the said States to give an additional bounty of ten pounds, and each and every year while in actual service a blanket, or in lieu thereof eighteen shillings, to the encouragement given by Congress to the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers who shall inlist into the said battalions for three years, or during the war, and to engage to supply them while in camp with those articles necessary for soldiers which are not furnished by Congress, at the rates affixed to those articles by the several New England States, without any charge for transportation or other expences, which is considered by this Committee as a greater encouragement than hath been offered by any of the said States.

The Committee adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1777.

Met according to adjournment.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

This Committee, considering the discontents and difficulties which will probably arise among troops engaged in the same cause, and serving together upon different wages, and the fatal consequences that may ensue therefrom, do recommend it to the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to put the two battalions and regiment of artillery now raising in the said State for fifteen months upon the same footing with regard to wages as are allowed to the Continental battalions: the Committee being of opinion that if the affixing prices to the necessary articles for the soldiers at a lower rate than they could have been supplied at the time when the wages were fixed, should not be deemed by the aforesaid legislature an adequate allowance for the difference in the wages, it would be better for the State to make up the deficiency in some other way than by allowing them higher wages than the troops who serve with them.

Whereas the militia of the several States of New-England may be frequently called into the same service, and many inconveniences may be prevented by their being placed upon the same footing in point of encouragement, wages, and rations,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several States aforesaid, that whenever the militia of said States, or either of them, shall be called into service for any term less than two months, that the officers and soldiers be allowed and paid the same wages and rations that those of equal rank in the Continental army are allowed and paid.

And that it be further recommended that when the militia shall be called out for a term more than two and not exceeding four months, that the non-commissioned officers and soldiers be paid a bounty of twenty shillings, and where the term of their service shall amount to five and shall not exceed six months, that the non-commissioned officers and soldiers be paid a bounty of forty shillings over and above the continental pay and rations. Provided they shall voluntarily inlist into such services; otherwise, that they have and receive the continental wages and rations only, without any bounty as aforesaid.

And whereas the speedy filling up the quotas of the continental army required of the New-England States is of the greatest importance for the furtherance thereof, it is recommended as highly necessary and expedient for the respective States to lay an embargo on all privateers, and on all shipping whatever, except what shall be specially permitted by each State for the purpose of bringing such necessaries as are absolutely needed, and also continental vessels and armed vessels belonging to the respective States, permission being first had and obtained from the said State from whence they may depart.

And that said embargo be continued until the end aforesaid of filling up the continental army be fully compleated and accomplished. And it is further recommended to the several States aforesaid that they import the articles of cloathing, medicines, and whatever else may be necessary for the use of the army, on their own account and risque.

This Committee, taking into consideration the great importance of procuring the earliest and best intelligence to facilitate the execution of measures undertaken for common defence, and the great inconveniences that

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have arisen from the interruption of the regular course of communication with the Southern States and with the army by the ordinary continental posts from the movements and present situation of the enemy, do resolve, that it be recommended to the States of New-England that couriers be employed to ride the following stages weekly until a regular and complete channel of communication be opened and established by the Continental Congress, to wit: That a courier set out from Lebanon in Connecticut on Monday of every week and proceed to Providence so as to arrive there on Tuesday evening, there to exchange mails with the courier to the eastward; that the same courier set out from Providence at noon on Wednesday of each week, and return to Lebanon as soon as may be; that a courier be employed to set out from Providence on Wednesday at noon and proceed eastward through the State of Massachusetts Bay, so as to arrive at Boston in the afternoon of Thursday, and thence to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire, so that he arrive there by noon on Saturday; and to set out from thence on Sabbath day on his return by the same rout, so as to reach Boston on Monday evening, and thence to Providence aforesaid, so as to arrive there on Tuesday evening; that suitable persons be appointed by the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to hire and employ such couriers: that is, that Connecticut employ a rider from Lebanon to Providence, and that Rhode Island employ a courier from Providence to Exeter, and that the said several States settle and affix the intermediate stages in their respective limits.

That all private letters received by said couriers be put into the continental post-office if any intervene before they arrive at the place of delivery, and all public letters be delivered by them to the persons to whom they are directed, or to such persons as the several States in their respective limits shall appoint; and that the respective States do request the Honorable Governor Trumbull to procure all necessary information and intelligence from the Congress, the armies and Southern States by couriers, expresses, or otherwise, and forward or communicate the same to the said several States as the public service may require.

That the expence of the measures above recommended be defrayed and borne by the respective States, in the following proportions, *viz*:

Massachusetts Bay,	$\frac{12}{24}$	Parts.
Connecticut,	$\frac{7}{24}$	
New-Hampshire,	$\frac{3}{24}$	
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,	$\frac{2}{24}$	
	24	

That these proportions be settled for this purpose only, and not to be drawn into precedent on any future occasion.

That it be recommended to the several States to communicate to each other early intelligence of the measures taken by them respectively, and events that may take place within the same which may affect the interest of the United States, or need the concurrent exertions of the United States or any of them.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the legislatures of the several States in New-England to order the last Wednesday in January to be observed as a Day of Fasting, Public Humiliation and Prayer in their respective States: making provision that if the Congress shall recommend to all the United States of America to observe a day of general fasting,

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humiliation and prayer throughout the said States, and seasonable information be had thereof, that then the day appointed by Congress be observed instead of the day abovementioned.

The Committee adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2d, 1777.

Met according to adjournment.

Present: The same members as yesterday, save Mr. Cushing.

It is recommended to each of the legislatures of the said States to lay before the Honorable Continental Congress the reasons, occasion and necessity of this meeting, and a copy of and the proceedings thereof; and thereupon adjourned *sine die.*

The preceding pages are the whole of the resolutions and recommendations of the Committee.

Attest. WILLIAM BRADFORD, President.

II.

THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION.

JULY, 1777.

[This Convention was called upon the invitation of Massachusetts. A copy of the Journal of this Convention was laid before Congress August 18th, 1777, and the proceedings and resolves of that body thereon may be seen in their journals of Sept. 10, Nov. 22, 27, Dec. 2, 3, 1777, and Jan. 13, 1778.]

[Rev. War, vii, 390.]

AT A MEETING OF COMMITTEES FROM THE STATES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS BAY, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND NEW YORK, HOLDEN AT SPRINGFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE THE 30TH OF JULY, ANNO DOMINI 1777, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A CONFERENCE RESPECTING THE STATE OF THE PAPER CURRENCY OF THE SAID GOVERNMENTS; OF THE EXPEDIENCY OF CALLING IN THE SAME BY TAXES OR OTHERWISE; OF THE MOST EFFECTUAL, EXPEDITIOUS AND EQUAL METHOD OF DOING IT; AND TO CONSULT UPON THE BEST MEANS FOR PREVENTING THE DEPRECIATION AND COUNTERFEITING THE SAME; AND ALSO, TO CONSIDER WHAT IS PROPER TO BE DONE WITH THE ACTS LATELY MADE TO PREVENT MONOPOLY AND OPPRESSION; AND TO CONFER UPON THE LATE ACTS FOR PREVENTING THE TRANSPORTATION BY LAND FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER OF CERTAIN ARTICLES; AND TO CONSIDER SUCH MATTERS AS PARTICULARLY CONCERN THE IMMEDIATE WELFARE OF SAID STATES AND ARE NOT REPUGNANT TO OR INTERFERING WITH THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS; AND TO REPORT THE RESULT OF THEIR CONFERENCE TO THE GENERAL COURTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES.

Sundry gentlemen not being arriv'd, adjourned till Thursday, then met according to adjournment.

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Present:

From the State of New Hampshire, Colo. Josiah Bartlett and Colo. Nath[l] Peabody.

From the State of Massachusetts Bay, Hon[ble] Tho[s]. Cushing, Esq[r], Hon[ble] Robert T. Paine, Esq[r].

From Connecticut, Hon[ble] Roger Sherman, Sam[l] Huntington, and Titus Hosmer, Esq[rs].

From Rhode Island, Hon[ble] Wm. Bradford, Esq[r], Hon[ble] Stephen Hopkins, Esq[r], and Paul Mumford, Esq[r].

From New York, John Sloss Hobart, Esq[r].

The Hon[ble] Stephen Hopkins, Esq[r], was appointed President, and William Pynchon, Esq[r], Clerk.

Voted, That the Commissions of the Committees from the several States be entered on the journals. They are as follows:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THURSDAY, July 17, 1777, P.M.

Both Houses met in committee according to the votes in the forenoon: the Hon[ble] Mesheck Weare in the chair. Proceeded to confer upon the business most necessary to be done at this present session; and after some time spent thereon, the committee agreed to report that it is expedient that a Committee be appointed by this State to meet Committees from the States of Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York, at the town of Springfield in the county of Hampshire and in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, on the 30th day of July instant, then and there to hold a conference respecting the state of the paper currency of the said governments; of the expediency of calling in the same by taxes or otherwise; of the most effectual, expeditious and equal methods of doing it, and to consult upon the best means for preventing the depreciation and counterfeiting of the same; and also to consider of what is proper to be done with respect to the acts lately made to prevent monopoly and oppression; and to confer upon the late acts for preventing the transportation by land of certain articles from one State to another, and to consider such other matters as particularly concern the immediate welfare of the said States and are not repugnant to or interfering with the powers and authorities of the Continental Congress.

A true copy,

Attest. NOAH EMERY, Clerk of the Committee.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 18th, 1777.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to nominate proper persons for a Committee to go to Springfield in the county of Hampshire, to meet Committees from the States of Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York, on the 30th instant, for the purposes mentioned in the report of the whole House and Council yesterday, made report that they nominate Colo. Josiah Bartlett and Colo. Nath[l] Peabody as suitable persons for that service: which report being read and considered, Voted, that the same be received and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence,

JOHN DUDLEY, Speaker p. t.

In Council the same day, read and concurred,

E. THOMPSON, Secrt'y.

A copy examined by

E. THOMPSON, Secr'y.

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STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES June 27th, 1777.

Resolved, That the Honble Robert T. Paine, with such as the Honble Board shall join, be and they hereby are appointed a Committee in behalf of this State to meet Committees from the General Assemblies of the States of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York, at the town of Springfield within this State, on the thirtieth day of July next, in case said Assemblies think fit to appoint such Committees; then and there to hold a conference respecting the state of the paper currency of the said governments; of the expediency of calling in the same by taxes or otherwise; of the most effectual, expeditious and equal method of doing it; and to consult upon the best means for preventing the depreciation and counterfeiting of the same; and also to consider what is proper to be done with respect to the acts lately made to prevent monopoly and oppression, and to confer upon the late acts for preventing the transporting by land of certain articles from one State to another, and to consider such other matters as particularly concern the immediate welfare of said States, and are not repugnant to or interfering with the powers and authorities of the Continental Congress; and to report the result of their conference to the General Court. And the Secretary is hereby directed immediately to transmit authenticated copies of this resolve to the General Assemblies of the States aforementioned. And every clause in an act intituled An Act in addition to and for amending and more effectually carrying into execution an act intitled An Act to prevent monopoly and oppression, made in the present year, be and hereby are suspended until the further order of this Court, excepting the two first enacting clauses in the act beforementioned, determining the prices certain articles therein enumerated shall be sold at.

Sent up for concurrence.

R. T. PAINE, Speaker P. T.

In Council, June 27th, 1777.

Read and concurred, and Thomas Cushing, Esqr, is joined on the part of the Board.

JOHN AVERY Dep^y Sec^y.

Consented to by the major part of the Council.

A true copy,

Attest. JN^o. AVERY, Dep^y Sec^y.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

By His Excellency the Governour.

To the Honble Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington and Titus Hosmer, Esq^rs.

Whereas the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay have appointed a Committee to meet at Springfield on the 30th day of instant July, to confer and consult with Committees from the States of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York, on the state of the paper currency of the said governments; of the expediency of calling in the same by taxes or otherwise; of the most effectual, expeditious and equal method of doing it, the best means for preventing the depreciation or counterfeiting the same; on the acts to prevent monopoly and oppression, and the act for preventing the transportation by land of certain articles from one State to another; and such other matters as particularly concern the immediate welfare of said States, and to report the result of such Committees to the respective States aforesaid; and have moved that a Committee be appointed in behalf of this State for the aforementioned purpose: And

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whereas the Governor and his Council of Safety have named and appointed you to be a Committee from this State, to meet at said time and place, to confer and consult with the Committees of said States, and make report accordingly: Reposing special trust and confidence in your wisdom, prudence, and skill and fidelity, I do hereby authorize and impower you, to meet the Committees from the said sister States, or such as may meet, and with them to confer and consult on the several important subjects mentioned in the resolution of the Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay, and make report to me, that the same may be laid before the General Assembly of this State.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at Lebanon the twenty-first day of July, *anno Domini* 1777. JON^TH^ TRUMBULL.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JULY 9, 1777.

It is voted and resolved, That a Committee of three persons be appointed in behalf of this State, to meet Committees from the General Assemblies of the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, and New York, in the town of Springfield in the county of Hampshire and in the State of Massachusetts, on the thirtieth day of this instant July, in case said Assemblies shall think fit to appoint such Committees, then and there to hold a conference respecting the paper currency of the said States; of the expediency of calling in the same by taxes or otherwise; of the most effectual, expeditious and equal methods of doing it; and to consult upon the best means for preventing the depreciation and counterfeiting of the same; and also to consider what is proper to be done with the acts lately made to prevent monopoly and oppression, and to confer upon the late acts for preventing the transportation by land of certain articles from one State to another; and to consider such other matters as concern the immediate welfare of said States and are not repugnant to or interfering with the powers and authorities of the Continental Congress; and particularly, to consider of and solicit some more sure and effectual method to keep up a sufficient army to oppose that body of the enemy which is now in possession of the island of Rhode Island; and that they report the result of their conference to this General Assembly.

It is voted and resolved, That the Honble Wm. Bradford, Esqr, Deputy Governour. the Honble Stephen Hopkins, Esqr, and Paul Mumford, Esqr, be and hereby are appointed a Committee for the purposes in the aforegoing resolve mentioned. A true copy, exam^d^.

Witness, HENRY WARD Secr'y.

IN COUNCIL OF SAFETY FOR THE STATE OF N. YORK.
KINGSTON, JULY 21, 1777.

Resolved, That John Sloss Hobart and Governeur Morris, Esq^rs^, be and hereby are appointed a Committee from this State, to meet with Committees from the States of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts Bay, to hold a conference respecting the state of the paper currency of the said States, and other matters mentioned in the resolutions of the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay on the 27th of June last. Extracted from the minutes,

PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, Pres^t^

Attest. JOHN MCKESSON, Sec^y^.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 1777.

Conferred on sundry subjects and adjourned to Saturday.

SATURDAY.

Met according to adjournment. Present the same members.

The Committees conferred upon the state of the paper currency of the said governments, of the expediency of calling in the same by taxes or otherwise, of the most effectual, expeditious and equal method of doing it, and the best means for preventing the depreciation and counterfeiting the same; and, upon full consideration, are unanimously of opinion, that the quantity of paper currency emitted and circulating in said States greatly exceeds what is necessary for a medium of trade and for support of the war, whence necessarily follows the depreciation of the currencies, a stagnation of their circulation, fluctuation, irregularity and extravagance of prices, and, if not timely remedied, the total destruction of their credit, to the greatest injury of the States.

They are also unanimously of opinion, that the great number of bills circulating upon the credit of the United States and the several particular States tend mutually to depreciate each other, not only by the too great quantity, but also by multiplied frauds in counterfeiting, and the increased difficulty of detecting the same; which evils, as far as is possible, to remedy at present and prevent in future.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the legislatures of the several States, to make provision for drawing in and sinking the bills of credit which are not upon interest, by them respectively emitted, (small change less than a dollar only excepted,) by the first day of November next, either by taxes or by exchanging them for treasurer's notes for sums not less than ten pounds on interest at six *per cent. per annum*, or for continental bills of credit, and to prohibit the currency of their respective bills of credit from and after the said first day of November, and not to emit any more bills of credit hereafter, except for change not exceeding half a dollar.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several legislatures aforesaid for the future to provide for the exigencies of their respective States and the support of the war as far as possible by taxation; and, in order to lighten the burden and accommodate the taxes to the convenience of the people, and the more effectually to establish the credit of the continental currency, that those taxes be levied and assess'd, at the least, once in every quarter of the year; and to take effectual measures that the several assessments be duly collected and punctually paid into the respective treasuries.

Adjourned to Monday next, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

MONDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment.

Present: The same members as on Saturday.

The Committee took into consideration the acts against monopoly and oppression, and upon mature deliberation are of opinion, that they are attended with inconveniences, and that the good ends proposed thereby may be better attained by the measures herein recommended. Whereupon,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several legislatures to repeal all clauses in the aforesaid acts for preventing monopoly and oppression, so far

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as they relate to affixing the prices at which the articles therein enumerated shall be sold, and creating penalties for not observing the same.

And whereas it may be apprehended that the repeal of the monopoly bill may operate to the prejudice of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers who are employed in the continental army upon the expectation of being supplied with the necessaries of life at the prices affixed by said bill: Therefore, more effectually to prevent such evil,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several legislatures aforesaid, that provision be immediately made for supplying the troops belonging to the continental army and raised in their respective States, who are in the field, with such necessary articles as are not supplied by the Commissary General, upon the same terms as the several States have stipulated; always taking care that the prices affixed in said bill be consider'd as the prime cost. And also, that provision be made, at the expence of the respective States, that the families of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the continental army residing with them be supplied with provisions and cloathing at the prices set in said bill to the amount of their wages, and that committees be appointed in all the towns and districts in said States, whose business it shall be to see that the families of such officers and soldiers are duly supplied with such necessaries of life as their circumstances may require, to the amount of such sum as shall be lodged by such officers and soldiers with said committee, not exceeding their pay respectively. And also, to provide suitable laws to procure the necessary articles stipulated to supply said troops and their families by impressing those articles when necessity shall require, paying the owner a reasonable price therefor at the appraisement of indifferent judicious men.

And whereas the ingrossing and withholding from sale of the conveniencies and necessaries of life, accumulating profits upon the same by repeated sales in large quantities from one ingrosser to another, and other artificial methods of raising the prices, are highly prejudicial to the interest of any State, and under the present circumstances of these States are of a most dangerous and fatal tendency,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the legislatures aforesaid, to prohibit and prevent such practices from time to time under severe penalties as the nature and circumstances of the case shall require, and to make provision for enforcing the sale of commodities so ingrossed or withheld in small quantities and at reasonable prices for the use of the inhabitants.

Then adjourned to Tuesday morning, nine o'clock.

TUESDAY.

Met according to adjournment, and conferred on sundry matters

Present: The same members.

Then adjourned to Wednesday morning, nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY.

Met according to adjournment.

Present: The same members.

Whereas it may be sometimes necessary to prohibit the transportation of certain articles by land from one State to another,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the respective legislatures to form their laws made for that purpose so as not to prevent the free transportation

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of any articles that can be spared from their respective States, to supply the inhabitants of any of the other States, nor to prevent the inhabitants of other States from carrying out property they were possessed of in such State at the time of making such law, or which they may have afterwards imported by sea, or brought in from another State by land; and also that no unnecessary interruption be given to a free commercial intercourse between the inhabitants of the several States.

Whereas the concurrence of all the United States in the measures aforesaid will render them much more effectual for attaining the good ends proposed,

Resolved, That a copy thereof be transmitted to the Honourable Congress of the United States, that such measures may be taken for that end as they in their great wisdom shall think meet, and that a letter, signed by the President, accompany the same.

Whereas the State of Rhode Island have represented the necessity that a body of troops be kept up to guard the shores around Rhode Island, under the direction of the general officer stationed there, and have manifested a desire that the Committees should consider the same and express their opinion of it to their respective constituents: Therefore,

Resolved, as the opinion of this Committee, That the State of Rhode Island be requested to fill up their two battallions as soon as may be for the above purpose; that the State of Massachusetts Bay be desired to hasten on the two battallions they have ordered for that purpose; that the State of Connecticut be desired to raise and equip one battallion of 728 men with all speed and direct them to the above place; and that the State of New Hampshire be desired to raise and equip 300 men with all speed and direct them to the above purpose.

A true Journal of the Proceedings of the Committee who met at Springfield in the County of Hampshire, July 30th, 1777.

Attest. STEP. HOPKINS, Presid^{t}.

Witness, WM PYNCHON JUN^{R}, Cler.

In the Lower House. [August, 1777.]

The further consideration of this Report is referred to the Genl Assembly at their session in Octob^{r} next.

Attest. BENJ. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

[*Rev. War*, vii, 391.]

SPRINGFIELD, AUG^{T} 6TH, 1777.

S^{r}. The Committees from the several States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York, in pursuance of the proposal of the State of Massachusetts Bay have met and conferred upon several subjects therein recommended, and have passed a number of Resolutions, a copy of which I am directed to be laid before the Honorable Congress for their consideration. The first four of those States the last winter passed acts to prevent monopoly and oppression in order to support the credit of their paper currency, but the other United States not judging it expedient to enact similar laws hath in a great measure prevented their answering the good purposes for which they were intended, and

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has rendered very difficult, if not impracticable, fully to execute the same: other measures, therefore, have now been agreed upon for the same purposes, the success of which we apprehend will greatly depend upon the concurrence of the United States in the same. We are so fully impressed with the importance of drawing in and sinking the bills of credit emitted by the several States and of the necessity of large and frequent taxations to supply the continental treasury and to defray the charges of government, that we have earnestly recommended it to the several States we respectively represent, and we apprehend it will be absolutely necessary for similar measures to be adopted by the other United States, in order to support the credit of the paper currency, and to prevent any further emissions for the purposes of defraying the charges of the war and the support of internal government.

We submit the whole to the Honorable Congress, that such measures may be taken for that end as they in their great wisdom shall think proper.

I am, in behalf of the Committee, Sir

Your most obed^t. and very humble serv^t.

STEPHEN HOPKINS.

To the Honble John Hancock, Esqr.
President of the Continental Congress
at Philadelphia.

A true copy.

Attest. WM. PYNCHON JUN^R, *Cler.*

[*Rev. War*, vii, 436.]

Stating of Bills emitted &c. by the State of Connecticut, and now outstanding, August, 1777.

Sums emitted.	Time when emitted.	Time when payable to Treasurer.	On what List.	Tax.	Bills under a dollar.	Monies burnt.
10,000.0.0	1770, May 10th	1771, Dec. 31st	1770	0.0.2	62.10.0	5,000.0.0
12,000.0.0	1771, Octob. 10th	1772, Dec. 31st	1771	0.0.1		6,000.0.0
		1773, Sept. 30th	1772	0.0.1		
12,000.0.0	1773, June 1st	1774, Dec. 31st	1772	0.0.1	1,500.0.0	
		1775, June 1st	1773	0.0.1		
15,000.0.0	1775, Jan. 2d	1775, Dec. 31st	1774	0.0.1	1,500.0.0	
		1776, Dec. 31st	1775	0.0.1		
49,000.0.0						
50,000.0.0	1775, May 10th	1777, May 10th	1775	0.0.7	1,000.0.0	
50,000.0.0	1775, June 1st	1778, June 1st	1776	0.0.7	425.0.0	
50,000.0.0	1775, July 1st	1779, Dec. 31st	1777	0.0.7	1,255.0.0	
60,000.0.0	1776, June 7th	1780, Dec. 31st	1778	0.0.8	10,590.0.0	
50,000.0.0	1776, June 19th	1781, Dec. 31st	1779	0.0.7	11,490.0.0	
£309,000.0.0					27,822.10.0	Supposed sum of small bills in emission of 1771.—not exactly ascertained.
11,000.0.0	Deduct money burnt.				1,500.0.0	
298,000.0.0	Sum of Bills outstanding.				£29,322.10.0	
29,322.10.0	Amount of small bills (nearly) deducted.					
£268,677.10.0	Bills outstanding not less than a dollar; to redeem which a tax of 8*s.* 3*d.* will amount to £278,000.0.0. accounting £7000 to each penny tax.					
60,000.0.0	Issued in notes of £10 each payable @ 4 *per cent.* in 3 years.					
72,000.0.0	Borrowed and payable @ 6 *per cent.* in one year.					

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5*s.* 2*d.* in the pound @ £7000 each penny tax is £430,000,0.0. which surmounts the whole State debt for bill emitted and still outstanding including the small change and also the notes issued on interest and for borrow'd money.

III.

THE NEW HAVEN CONVENTION.

JANUARY, 1778.

[Congress having under consideration the proceedings of the Springfield Convention of July, 1777, on the 22d of November

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Legislatures or, in their recess, to the executive powers of the respective States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, respectively, to appoint Commissioners to convene at New Haven in Connecticut, on the 15th day of January next; and to the States of Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina, respectively, to appoint Commissioners to convene at Fredericksburg in Virginia on the said 15th day of January; and to the States of South Carolina and Georgia, respectively, to appoint Commissioners to convene at Charleston on the 15th day of February next; in order to regulate and ascertain the price of labor, manufactures, internal produce, and commodities imported from foreign parts, military stores excepted; and also to regulate the charges of innholders; and that, on the report of the Commissioners, each of the respective legislatures enact suitable laws, as well for enforcing the observance of such of the regulations as they shall ratify, and enabling such inn-holders to obtain the necessary supplies, as to authorize the purchasing commissaries for the army, or any other person whom the legislatures may think proper, to take from any engrossers, forestallers, or other person possessed of a larger quantity of any such commodities or provisions than shall be competent for the private annual consumption of their families, and who shall refuse to sell the surplus at the prices to be ascertained as aforesaid, paying only such price for the same."

The proceedings of the Convention were laid before Congress on the 16th of February, 1778.

An article on this Convention by Simeon E. Baldwin may be found in volume iii of *New Haven Historical Society Papers*.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SEVERAL STATES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, AND CONNECTICUT, AT NEW HAVEN ON THE 15TH OF JANUARY AND CONTINUED BY ADJOURNMENT UNTILL THE 20TH DAY OF THE SAME MONTH, 1778, WHEN BEING JOYNED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE RESPECTIVE STATES OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY, NEW YORK, AND NEW JERSEY, IN CONSEQUENCE OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, THEY PROCEEDED TO THE BUSINESS ASSIGNED THEM, AND MADE CHOICE OF

The Honorable Thomas Cushing, Esqr, President.
M^{r}. Henry Daggett, Secretary.

The gentlemen produced their several powers, and are as follows, *viz:*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DECEMBER 26TH, 1777.

Voted, That the Honorable Jonathan Blanchard, Esqr, and Nathaniel Peabody, Esqr, be chosen and appointed Commissioners for this State to go

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to New Haven in Connecticut, to join with Commissioners from the other States to endeavor a regulation of the prices of labours &c. agreable to the fifth article of the resolves of the Continental Congress of the 22d of November last, and to be at New Haven by the 15th day of January next.

Sent up for concurrence.

JOHN LANGDON, Speakr.

In Council the same day read and concurred.

E. THOMSON, Secr'ty.

Copy examined by

M. WEARE, Presidt of Council.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY,
COUNCIL CHAMBER, JANUARY 13TH, 1778.

The two Houses in pursuance of the resolves of the Hon[l] Congress pass'd the 22d November last, proceeded to the choice of three gentlemen as Commissioners in behalf of this State, to meet the Commissioners from the States of New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, at New Haven, on the 15th day of this instant January, and with them, or a majority of them, to deliberate upon, devise the most prudent and effectual measures possible for the promoting the valuable purposes mentioned by the Hon[l] Congress in their resolutions above refered to; and upon sorting and counting the votes it appeared the following gentlemen were chosen, *viz:*

Honorable Thomas Cushing, Esqr.
Honorable Robert Treat Paine, Esqr.
Colr Elisha Porter.

Attest. JOHN AVERY, D'y Secret'y.

Locus Sigilli.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY NICHOLAS COOKE, ESQR, GOVERNOR, CAPTAIN GENERAL AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

To William Green and Jabez Bowen, Esq, GREETING:—

Whereas the General Assembly of this State at the session held at Providence on Friday the 19th inst. did in pursuance of a resolution of the most Hon[l] the Continental Congress of the 22d of Novbr last appoint you the said William Green and Jabez Bowen Commissioners on the part of this State, to meet such Commissioners at New Haven on the 15h of January next as shall be appointed by the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, for the purposes in the aforesaid resolution set forth and contained: I do therefore hereby authorize and commission you the said William Green and Jabez Bowen, to meet such Commissioners as shall be appointed from the aforenamed States as aforesaid, and with them to take into consideration the several matters in the said resolution recommended to such board of commissioners, and you are required to make all the dispatch that the importance of the business will permit; and to make report of your proceeding to the General Assembly or in its recess to the Council of War.

Given under my hand and the seal of this State this twenty-second day of Decembr in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

NICHOLAS COOKE.

By his Excellency's Command,

HENRY WARD, Secrty.

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AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HOLDEN AT HARTFORD, BY ADJOURNMENT, ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Whereas in and by a resolve of the Honorable Continental Congress of the 22d of November, 1777, it is recommended to the Legislatures of the respective States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, respectively, to appoint Commissioners to convene at New Haven, in Connecticut, on the 15th day of instt January, in order to regulate and ascertain the price of labour, manufactures, and internal produce, and commodities imported from foreign parts; military stores excepted; and also to regulate the charges of innholders &c.,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Roger Sherman, Willm Hilhouse, and Benjn Huntington, Esqrs, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners in behalf of this State, to meet the Commissioners of other States at said New Haven, as proposed, and consult with them on the subject matter of said resolves of Congress, and make report of whatever they may judge fit to be done, to this Assembly, for approbation, that suitable measures may be pursu'd thereon.

A true copy of Record examined by

GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret'y.

IN CONVENTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AT POUKEEPSIE, IN DUCHESS COUNTY, JANUARY 14th, 1778.

Whereas, the Honorable Continental Congress in and by certain resolutions of the 22d of Novembr last, have recommended to the Legislatures, or in their recess to the executive powers of the respective States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, respectively, to appoint Commissioners to convene at New Haven, in Connecticut, on the 15th day of January then next, in order to regulate and ascertain the price of labour, manufacture, internal produce, and commodities imported from foreign parts, military stores excepted, and also to regulate the charges of innholders; and that on the report of the Commissioners, each of the respective Legislatures enact suitable laws as well for enforcing the observance of such of the regulations as they shall ratify, and enabling such innholders to obtain the necessary supplies, as to authorize the purchasing commissaries of the army, or any other person whom the Legislatures may think proper, to take from any engrossers, forestallers, or other person possessed of a larger quantity of any such commodities or provisions than shall be competent for the private annual consumption of their families, and who shall refuse to sell the surplus at the prices to be ascertained as aforesaid, paying only such price for the same:—In compliance therefore with the said recommendation,

Resolved, That William Floyd, Comfort Sands, Peter T. Curtenius, and William Denning, Esqrs, be, and they are hereby nominated and appointed Commissioners to attend at the said meeting or convention in behalf of this State with full power and authority to them, or a majority of such of them as shall from time to time attend, so as that there shall always be at least two attending to represent this State, to do and transact all business necessary to be done and transacted in the said meeting or convention on the

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part of this State, touching the several matters mentioned in the said resolutions, saving and reserving nevertheless to the Legislature of this State, a right to ratify and adopt such of the regulations and measures to be propos'd and concluded on at the said meeting or convention, as they shall deem proper and expedient.

By order, PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, Pres^{dt}.

Attest. ROBERT BENSON, Secret^{y}.

IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 11th DECEMBER, A.D. 1777.

Whereas, the Hon^{l} the Congress of the United States did, on the 22^{d} day of November last, resolve as followeth, that it be recommended to the Legislatures, or in their recess to the executive powers of the respective States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, respectively, to appoint Commissioners to convene at New Haven, in Connecticut, on the 15th day of January next, in order to regulate and ascertain the price of labour, manufactures, internal produce, and commodities imported from foreign parts, military stores excepted, and also to regulate the charges of innholders; and that on the report of the Commissioners, each of the respective Legislatures enact suitable laws for enforcing the observance of such of the regulations as they shall ratify.

Resolved, therefore, That the Hon^{l} John Cleves Symmes, Esqr, Moore Furman, and John Neilson, Esq^{rs}, or any two of them, be and they hereby are appointed and impowered, to attend at New Haven on the 15th day of January next, for the purpose mentioned in the said resolution, and that they report their proceedings to the Legislature at their next sitting.

By order of the house, JOHN HART, Speak^{r}.

Members Present:

Jonathan Blanchard, Esqr, Nathaniel Peabody, Esqr, } from New Hampshire,
Honorable Thomas Cushing, Presd^{t}, Robert Treat Paine, Esqr, Elisha Porter, Esqr, } Massachusetts,
William Greene, Esqr, Jabez Bowen, Esqr, } Rhode Island,
Roger Sherman, Esqr, Willm Hillhouse, Esqr, Benjamin Huntington, Esqr, } Connecticut,
William Floyd, Esqr, Comfort Sands, Esqr, } New York.
John Cleves Symmes, Esqr, John Neilson, Esqr, } New Jersey,

Adjourned to Jany 21st, 10 A. M.

Jany 21st. Met according to adjournment.
Present: the same members as yesterday.
Entered on debate upon the business before this Convention.
Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

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Met according to adjournment.

The Commissioners arrived from the State of Pennsylvania and produced their credentials as follows, *viz* :—

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, DEC^R 16, 1777, P. M.

Agreeable to the order of this morning, the House proceed to the election of Commissioners to go to New Haven, to meet other Commissioners from the northern States for the purpose of regulating the prices of commodities, agreeable to the resolves of Congress of the 22^d day of November last, when Joseph Dean, Nicholas Dupuy, James McDowell and James Cunningham, Esq^rs, were chosen.

Extracts from the minutes.

JOHN MORRIS, Junr,
Clerk of the General Assembly.

Present: afternoon, the same gentlemen as in the forenoon, and moreover James McDowell, Esqr, James Cunningham, Esqr, } Pennsylvania,

Adjourned till to-morrow, ten o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22^D, 1778.

Met according to adjournment and resumed the debate on the business before this Convention.

The same Commissioners present as yesterday.

Adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The Convention taking into consideration the rules of conduct to be observed in determining questions that come under consideration,

Resolved, That in determining questions in this Convention, each State shall have one vote.

Adjourned till to-morrow, ten o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23^D, 1778.

Met according to adjournment.

Present: the same members as yesterday.

Motion made and question put, whether this Convention will take measures for regulating the prices of labour &c, in pursuance of a resolution of Congress of the 22^d of Nov^br last. Passed in the Affirmative.

Adjourned untill three o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Conferred on the subject of what price should be affixed for labour &c.

Adjourned untill to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 1778.

Met according to adjournment. The same members present as yesterday, and William Denning, Esqr, one of the Commissioners of the State of New York, appeared and took his seat. The Convention proceed upon the business of regulating the price of labour, &c.

Adjourned untill three o'clock, P. M.

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Met according to adjournment and resumed the business of regulating the price of labour, &c.

Adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 1778.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The same members present as Saturday, resumed the business of regulating the price of labour, &c.

Adjourned untill three o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. The Convention proceed to the regulation of the price of labour, &c.

Adjourned untill to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1778.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Present the same members as yesterday. Peter T. Curtenius, Esqr, one of the members of the State of New York, appeared and took his seat in the Convention.

The Convention proceeded on to the business of regulating the price of labour, &c.

Adjourned untill three o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment, and resumed the business of regulating the price of labour, &c.

Adjourned untill to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 1778.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The same members present as yesterday, and resumed the business of regulating the price of labour, &c.

Adjourned untill three o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Resolved, That Roger Sherman, Robert Treat Paine, Nathaniel Peabody, and Benjamin Huntington, Esqrs, be a committee to draw up a report of the doings of this Convention.

Adjourned untill to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH, A.D. 1778.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The same members present as yesterday.

Resolved, That Hono. Thomas Cushing, Esqr, William Denning and John Cleves Simmes, Esqr, be a committee to draw up a letter to the Hon1. Continental Congress, relative to the proceedings of this Convention.

Adjourned untill three o'clock, P. M.

Met and adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 1778.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The same members present as yesterday.

The committee appointed to reduce to form and prepare a draught of the proceedings of this Convention reported a draught, which being read was taken into consideration.

Adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the report of the committee &c., which being read, paragraph by paragraph, was approved and is as follows, *viz:*

When we see self-love, that first principle planted in the humane breast by the all wise Creator for our benefit and preservation, through misapplication and corruption, perverted to our destruction, we feel the necessity of correcting so pernicious an error and directing the operation of it in such a manner as that our self and social love may be the same.

The application of this remark to the present state of our public affairs is obvious.

The free born inhabitants of America, opprest by the tyranny of Great Britain, found it necessary for the support of their liberties to declare themselves independent. To support that independency, it was necessary to raise and maintain an expensive army, and to issue large emissions of paper bills to defray the expences. Upon the support and success of this army, under God, depends the whole we are contending for, and on the credit of our currency depends immediately the support of our army; when therefore the principle of self-love impells the individuals of a community to exact and receive for their services or commodities such prices as exceed that proportion of prices, at which the army was raised and established, and to set no other bounds to their demands than what the necessity of the times will suffer them to receive, and to withold and conceal their necessary commodities, unless their demands are complied with, is it not evident that this self love and attention to their supposed self interest have exceeded their true bounds; and tend not only to the destruction of the welfare of the community, but also of the individuals?

Can a man in any reasonable view be considered as a friend to the American cause, who continually practices and with all his efforts supports such conduct, which if adopted by the community in general must work the destruction of that cause?

Can the officers and soldiers support themselves by their pay at the present high prices of the necessaries of life?

Can the community possibly afford to increase that pay, seeing bills with which they are paid must hereafter be redeemed in silver and gold, at the expressed value? Can all the other expences of the war be supported at so high a rate?

Must not therefore the rate of all expences be reduced to their original standard? and do not therefore those persons who, by their clamours, oppositions and engrossings labour to obstruct the reducing of prices, give evident proof that they are in fact enemies to the very cause they otherwise pretend to support? do such persons well consider what is always said of the man

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who, zealously professing Christianity, lives in continued practice of the breach of its precepts?

Induced by such like reflections, and feeling their obligation to superintend the welfare of the American States, the Hono^ble American Congress by their resolves of November 22^d last, premising the necessity of reducing the quantity of circulating medium, in order to support its value, have recommended to the several States, in the strongest terms, to raise the sum of five million dollars by taxes, and to refrain from the further emission of bills of credit, to cancel the bills emitted by particular States, to support the war by taxes and loans; and for an immediate remedy of the exorbitant evils complained of, have recommended to the States of America in three divisions, to appoint Commissioners to regulate and ascertain, the price of labour, manufactures, internal produce, and commodities imported from foreign parts, military stores excepted, and also regulate the charges of innholders. The Commissioners therefore of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, have met in Convention at New Haven, on the 15th day of Jany in pursuance of said requisition of Congress, and while attending to the injunctions of their commission, have not been insensible of the principles upon which an opposition to the regulation of prices by law is founded; and though this measure is executed by them in compliance with the requisitions of the Honble Congress, yet as the government of America is not only founded on the good will of the people but by the wisdom and sincerity of its administration recommends itself to their understanding and approbation, they thought it not amiss to address this measure to the feelings and apprehensions of the inhabitants. It is evident that those principles on which such an opposition is founded were fully considered by the Grand Council of America, that they viewed the reducing the quantity of circulating medium by stopping the currency of the bills of the particular States, and supporting the future expences by taxation and loaning as the essential remedy, and as what in time must work the desired effect, especially among a virtuous people, but that our present exigences require an immediate reduction of prices, which, though by those who are actuated by no better principle than contracted self-love may be considered as infringing the principles of trade and liberty, is nevertheless a salutary measure in connection with the others and practiced by all the States.

To the several Legislatures of the American States, therefore, is now sounded the loudest call, which the voice of true self love and self defence can utter, immediately to exert themselves to relieve the inhabitants of that plea for high prices, the undue quantity of money, by stopping the circulation of their States money, by levying large taxes, and assessing them with such equality as to admit of the highest taxes practicable. To the inhabitants of these States, this voice clearly announces the necessity of the above measure and of a regulation of prices by law. Why do we complain of a partial infringement of liberty manifestly tending to the preservation of the whole? Must the lunatick run uncontrouled to the destruction of himself and neighbours merely because he is under the operation of medicines which may in time work his cure? and indeed without the use of those medicines will the confinement cure him? Must we be suffered to continue the exaction of such high prices to the destruction of the common cause, and of ourselves with it, merely because the reduction of the quantity of our cur-

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rency may in time redress the evil; and because any other method may be complained of as an infringement of liberty? Is there any alternative but the existence and increase of those evils before recited, on the one hand, or the regulation of prices by law on the other, till they become regulated by the reduction of quantity of the currency? Will the present inhabitants of this earth, or generation yet unborn, by any representations be persuaded to believe that a person or people are duly penetrated with the importance of their liberties, who will not comply with and exert themselves to support such a system of expedience as required by Congress? The same Commissioners therefore, being deeply imprest with the importance and wisdom of said resolves of Congress and, taken collectively and coöperating together, of their efficacy to produce the desired end, and having the firmest confidence in the several legislatures represented in this Convention, that they will forthwith without pretentions or delays whatsoever stop the currency of all the bills of credit, by them emitted, small change under a dollar only excepted, and call them in by loans or taxes, and emitting no more bills on their own credit, small change excepted, exert themselves to support the war by taxes and loans, and that the good people, the inhabitants of these States, will remember their first love for liberty, and their solemn fervent voluntary engagements to support the same with life and fortune, and that they will exert themselves, that this whole system of regulation shall be carried into execution to the support of the cause, have agreed to the following rates of prices to the articles hereafter mentioned.

The Commissioners, very desirous of accommodating this regulation as much as may be to the conveniencies of immediate practice, have stated these prices much higher than any one will suppose they ought to be; they have endeavoured to avoid too great a revulsion, expecting when the juditious and spirited exertions of the several legislatures shall have reduced the quantity of the circulating medium, that there will not only be no occation for this regulation, but that the prices will naturally fall from the high rates at which we have stated them, to their original standard.

From this regulation certain articles of foreign production are excepted, being in the opinion of the Commissioners equally necessary for the army and inhabitants of these States as military stores, and the charge and risk of importing them being so great, various and uncertain — hoping their prices will be so far governed by the estimate of other articles as to preserve a due proportion.

Therefore, resolved, FIRSTLY, That the various kinds of labour of farmers, mechanicks and others be set and affixed at rates not exceeding seventy five *per cent.* advance from what their respective labour was in the same places in the several States aforesaid through the various seasons of the year 1774.

SECOND, That the price of teaming and all kinds of land transportation shall not exceed the rate of five twelveths of a continental dollar for the carriage of twenty hundred neat weight per mile, including all expences attending the same,

THIRD, That all kinds of American manufactures and internal produce, not particularly mentioned and regulated by this Convention, be estimated at rates not exceeding 75 *per cent.* advance from the prices they were usually sold at in the several parts of these respective States aforesaid in the year 1774, excepting only salt, cordwood, charcoal, mutton, lamb, veal, small meats, and poultry of all kinds, roots and vegetables; the price of which

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may better be regulated by the respective Legislatures, if they shall judge it expedient, than by this Convention.

FOURTHLY, That the price of hemp, flax, sheeps wool, all kinds of woollen and linen clothes, hosiery of all kinds, felt hats, wire and wool cards, manufactured in America, shall not exceed the rate of *cent per cent*, advance from the price they bore in the several parts of the States aforesaid in the year 1774.

FIFTHLY, That the price of all kinds of European goods, wares and merchandize imported from foreign parts, or brought into the States by capture, or otherwise, shall not exceed the rates of one continental dollar for each shilling sterling prime cost of such goods in Europe, exclusive of all other charges, when sold from the importer or captor, excepting only the following articles, *viz:* all kinds of woollen and linen goods and checks suitable for the army, drugs and medicine, duck of all kinds, cordage, tin plates, copperas, files, alum, brimstone, felt hats, nails, window glass, salt, steel, wire, wool and cotton cards, and naval and military stores.

SIXTHLY, That all woollen cloth, blankets, linning, shoes, stockings, hats and other articles of cloathing suitable for the army, heretofore imported, which are or shall be seized and taken by order of authority for the use of the army, shall be estimated at the above rate with the addition of the stated allowance for land carriage (if any there be) to the place where taken.

SEVENTHLY, That the price of the following articles at the first port of delivery, or place of manufacture within these States, shall not exceed the rates to them affixed respectively. Good West India rum three dollars p^{r} gallon by wholesale. Good merchantable N. E. rum two dollars p^{r} gallon by d^{o}. Best muscovado sugars thirty three dollars and one third of a dollar p^{r} hundred gross w^{t}, and all other sugars in usual proportion according to quality. Best molasses one dollar and half p^{r} gallon by wholesale. Coffee not to exceed three fourths of a dollar *per lb.* by the hundred. Good merchantable Geneva not to exceed two dollars per gallon. Good merchantable brandy two dollars per gallon. Good merchantable whiskey one dollar and one sixth per gallon. All other distill'd spirits not herein enumerated not exceeding two dollars p^{r} gallon.

EIGHTHLY, That no trader, retailer or vender of foreign goods, wares or merchandize, shall be allowed more than at the rate of 25 *per cent.* advance upon the price such goods, wares, or merchandize are or shall be first sold for by the importer or captor, agreeable to this regulation, with the addition only of the cost and charge of transportation by land at the rate of five twelveths of a dollar p^{r} mile for transporting twenty hundred neat w^{t}, from the first port of delivery to the place where the same shall be sold and delivered by retail.

NINTHLY, That innholders be not allowed more than 50 *per cent.* advance on the wholesale price of all liquors, or other foreign articles herein stated, and by them sold in small quantities, allowing as aforesaid for charges of transportation; and for all other articles of entertainment, refreshment, and forage, not to exceed 75 *per cent.* advance on the prices the same were at in the same place in the year 1774.

TENTHLY, That the articles enumerated in the following table shall not be sold or disposed of at higher prices in the respective States and places therein named, than at the rate set down and affixed to such articles, respectively, with the addition only for the stated allowance for land carriage, if any there shall be. The said sums being estimated in lawful money, at six shillings p^{r} dollar.

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Viz.	State of New Hampshire.	State of Massachusetts Bay. State of Rhode Island and Providence Pla	States of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania.
Good merchantable wheat, peas and white beans pr bushel.	13s.	12s.	9s. 9d.
Merchantable wheat flour pr hundred, gross wt.	36s.	33s. 4d.	27s.
Merchantable rye or rie meal pr bushel.	7s. 6d.	7s.	6s. 6d.
Merchantable indian corn or indian meal pr bushel.	5s. 6d.	5s. 3d.	4s. 6d.
Merchantable oats pr bushel	3s. 9d.	3s. 6d.	3s.
Pork well fatted and weighing from 100lb to 150lb pr hog.	8d.	7¼d.	5½d.
Do weighing from 150lb to 200lb	8¼d.	7½d.	6d.
Do weighing more than 200lb pr hog, pr lb.	9d.	8d.	6½d.
American made cheese of the best quality.	10d.	10d. | 9d.	9d.

Through all the States above named.

Best grass fed beef with hide and tallow.	35s.	Pr hundred wt, and in proportion for that of an inferior quality.
Good butter pr the firkin or cask Do by the single lb or small quantity.	1s. 3d. 1s. 4d.	*per lb.*
Raw Hides pr lb.	4½d.	and other skins in usual proportion.
Good well tanned sole leather.	2s. pr lb	Skins and all kinds of curried leather in due proportion.
Mens neat's leather shoes of the common sort.	12s. pr pr	
Mens calf skin shoes of the best quality.	15s.	Pr pair. Women and children's shoes in due proportion.
Bloomery iron at the place of manufacture.	£48.0.0	pr tun, and in proportion for a less quantity.
Refined iron at the place of manufacture.	£56.0.0	pr tun, and in proportion for a less quantity.
Pig iron at the place of manuture.	£18.0.0.	pr tun.
Best American manufactured steel fit for edge tools.	2s.	pr lb
Common steel manufactured in America.	1s. 4d.	pr lb
Best stall beef with the hide and tallow.	48s.	pr hundred wt, and in proportion for that of an inferior quality untill the 1st day of July next.

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Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Legislatures of the States, that they cause the laws they may enact to carry these resolves into execution to be in force from and after the 20th of March next, with such penalties annexed as they may judge effectual.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to the Honoble Continental Congress reported a draught which, being read and amended, was approved and ordered to be signed by the President, and is as follows, (*viz:*)

NEW HAVEN, Jany 30th, 1778.

Sir—The Commissioners appointed by the several States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, in pursuance of a resolution of the Honble Congress of the 22d November last, have convened at New Haven in Connecticut, and proceeded upon the business assigned them of regulating the price of labour &c. We now enclose a copy of our proceedings.

The Congress must be sensible that it is almost impossible, to fix the price of labour, produce and foreign commodities, in such a manner as to give satisfaction to the many persons interested; hence must arise great jealousies, disputes, and contentions, and there will be great danger that the end and design of such a measure will be frustrated, unless the other measures recommended by Congress are adopted.

We are, therefore, sincerely glad that Congress have accompanied the resolution above referred to, with sundry others which, if complied with, must produce the happiest effects; particularly that Congress have thought it necessary that the quantity of money in circulation should be reduced, and for this purpose have recommended to the United States to effect this salutary and necessary measure by taxation, by refraining from any further emissions of bills of credit, and calling in by loan or taxes and cancelling the paper money they have already emitted. Permit us to express our sentiments on this occation, that unless their three last measures are complied with, and vigorously carried into execution, the regulation of the prices of labour, produce and merchandize will be fruitless; it will be to no purpose; in short, it will be impossible to carry it into execution, no truth being more evident, as the Congress justly observes, than that where the quantity of money of any denomination exceeds what is useful for a medium of commerce, its comparative value must be proportionably reduced, consequently the price of goods must proportionably rise; and in case government, under such circumstances, and when the medium of trade is in such a fluctuating situation, should without taking any other measures, to give stability to the medium, fix the prices of goods, the people would justly complain; as in effect it would be obliging them to sell their produce and merchandize for less than the real value. Our proceeding, therefore, in regulating prices are founded on a *full dependence* that the other measures aforesaid will be *immediately* complied with by the several States; and we beg leave to submit it to the consideration of Congress, whether it will not be necessary for this purpose to renew and enforce their recommendations to the United States, to exert themselves immediately to stop the currency of all the paper bills emitted by them respectively, and which are not upon interest, and to redeem them by giving treasurers notes upon interest, and by taxes, to refrain from making any further emissions, and by taxation to reduce the

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quantity of continental bills as fast as possible. We beg leave to observe that in the course of our deliberation we have found ourselves under the necessity of deviating from the letter of the fifth resolve of Congress of the 22d November last, by excepting out of the regulation certain articles of foreign produce. Our reasons are as follows: The charge and risk of importing them is so great, various and uncertain, as to render it very difficult; and tho' it appeared to Congress that military stores only should be excepted, yet many of these articles we have excepted, being absolutely necessary for the army, such indeed as the army cannot possibly do without, and as some few others of them are so necessary for the good people of these States that, in order the better to reconcile them to the regulation we have recommended, we thought it indispensably necessary that every encouragement should be given, and every impediment to the importation of them removed, and we hope it will meet with your approbation.

Permit us to mention that the Convention have been informed of some abuses in the departments of commissary, quarter-master and forage-master: many deputies being dispersed throughout the country, it has been suggested that they are idly interfering with each other in purchases and bidding on the other, and by no means so industrious and careful in securing and saving from waste the articles purchased as they ought to be.

Before we conclude, we beg leave to mention that the public have never yet been notified when the continental bills are to be redeemed, except the two first emissions, their being at an uncertainty about this matter has been complained of as having a tendency to lessen the credit of the bills, whereas if they were to be ascertained when they were to be redeemed, especially if it was at a short period, it would give them a confidence in the money and greatly tend to establish the currency.

In the name and by order of the Convention,

I am your most Obedt. Huml Servt,

Thos. Cushing, Presd.

The Honl Henry Laurens, Esq.

Resolved, That Honoble Thomas Cushing, Esqr, be appointed to prepare a letter to the State of Delaware.

Adjourned untill to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday, January 31st, 1778.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Honoble Thomas Cushing, Esqr, reported a draught of a letter to the State of Delaware, which was read, approved and ordered to be signed by him as President, and is as follows, *viz:*

New Haven, Jany 31st, 1778.

Sir—The Commissioners appointed by the several States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, in Convention assembled at this place, in pursuance of a recommendation of the Honoble Congress, have attended to the business assigned them. They are sorry that they have not been so happy as to have the assistance of Commissioners from your State. Your former exertions in the cause of America leaves no room to doubt of your readiness to coöperate with the rest of the United States, in every

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measure necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties. And they presume that the embarrassed state of your government is the only reason that they have not been favoured with their presence. The Commissioners have directed me to transmit you a copy of their proceedings which I now enclose. They have omitted to regulate the prices of labour, &c., for your State, but doubt not from your zealous attachment to the common cause, that similar measures will be immediately adopted by you.

I am with sentiment of respect your most humble servant.

In the name and by order of the Convention,

Your Most Hum^ll Servt

THOMAS CUSHING, President.

To the Hon^bl the Speaker,
of the Hon^bl House of Assembly,
State of Delaware.

Adjourned untill three o'clock, P.M.

Met according to adjournment.

Adjourned untill to-morrow, 5 o'clock, P.M.

Met according to adjournment.

Passed the following resolve, *viz:*

Whereas it may be greatly subservient to the spirited and effectual execution of this plan of regulation of prices, that each State represented in this Convention should be assured that the others of them had stopped the circulation of the bills emitted on their respective credits, and had resolved to carry all the other requisitions of Congress expressed in their resolve of November 22^d into execution,

Therefore resolved, That the said States be desired, as soon as may be after the receipt of this report, to write circular letters to the other States, giving an account of their resolutions and proceedings thereon.

Signed by order of the Convention,

THOMAS CUSHING, President.

The foregoing is a true copy of all the proceedings of the Convention.

Attest. HENRY DAGGETT, Secret'^y.

ERRATA.

Page 61, line 13. *For* Elijah *read* Eliphalet. It was an error of the Secretary.

Page 89, line 4 from bottom. *For* Elijah *read* Eliphalet. An error of the Secretary.

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